

Mr Peart pleases beef farmers but yields on sugar

rt, the Minister of Agricultural... the EEC on beef and sugar... yesterday after an all-night in Brussels.

through", but too late to ensure adequate supplies for 1976. On sugar, Mr Peart met solid opposition and had to settle for less than he had been seeking.

abinet must approve final deal

id Cross... all-night marathon... the EEC ministers... today reached agreement on new terms designed to help farmers and secure of sugar for British

Commonwealth, countries as high a price as he would have liked, to encourage them to send up to 1,400,000 tons of cane sugar to the British market.

a ton to as much as £130 a ton, depending on what the developing countries will accept. The new beef scheme, which was adopted provisionally by the ministers, was clearly more acceptable to the British.

98 escape from first fatal Jumbo jet crash

Nairobi, Nov 20—Fifty-nine people died, but 98 escaped today after a giant Boeing 747 of the West German airline Lufthansa crashed and burst into flames at Embakasi airport soon after takeoff for Johannesburg.

"It was a near miracle that no more people were on board the plane, which could carry 340, and that so many of those who were came out alive", a Lufthansa spokesman said.

The behaviour of the crew—and particularly of the American stewardess, Mr Tom Scott of Los Angeles—helped many passengers to flee in the few seconds before the giant jet was enveloped in flames.

The tail section broke off, the left wing tore into the ground and the Boeing spun round. Fire which started in the left wing engulfed the entire aircraft in about 30 seconds.

The whole of the left-hand side of the aircraft was burning by now, but one stewardess, Fraulien Eveline Rehm, managed to get an emergency door open on the right side of the plane. She tried to help passengers down an emergency slide but was shoved down instead, leaving two stewards, Mr Scott and Herr Jurgen Freud of Frankfurt, to get as many people out as they could.



Firemen stand helpless as the remains of the Lufthansa Boeing 747 are enveloped in flames after the fuel tanks explode.

crewled through gaping holes in the fuselage. "The floor came up to meet us and split open", said Frau Dawn Schultz, aged 37, from Düsseldorf.

round our backs and everything from the straining of the seat belts. "Everybody in our section seemed to be moving. We just ran. Our first thought was to get away—get out of the aeroplane and get away as soon as possible."

In Nairobi, it was understood there were 12 British survivors, two of them in hospital. Most survivors were in the nose and middle sections of the Boeing while most of the dead were in the rear which broke away. The black box flight recorder and the voice recorder were retrieved intact, Lufthansa said.—Reuter.

although the aircraft was designed to carry up to 500. In spite of the East African disaster, the 747 retains a better record on introduction into service than any other modern type. Although it is the biggest passenger aircraft built, it has established an excellent reputation among pilots, demanding no radical changes in handling skills among those already proficient on the former generation of jets such as the Boeing 707 and the DC8.

radioactive 'went undetected'

Science Correspondent... inquiry is being held at... Windocle, Cumbria... how traces of radioactive contaminated part and car park in a part of the site.

TUC tries to calm closed-shop storm

By Our Labour Staff... The TUC yesterday attempted to defuse the controversial issue of the closed shop by announcing that it would set up an independent tribunal to act as an appeal body for workers in danger of losing their jobs because they have been expelled from a union or refused trade union membership.

back to a recommendation of the Donovan commission, whose recommendations formed the basis of Labour's In Place of Strife proposals. The review tribunal, which would probably be in operation by 1975, would be completely independent in reaching its decisions, and the general council would expect individual trade unions to abide by them.

Mischief plot not crime, Law Lords say

The controversial growing trend towards the use of the conspiracy laws by prosecuting authorities received a setback yesterday with a House of Lords ruling that there was no such crime as a conspiracy to effect a public mischief (our Legal Correspondent writes). The judgments included a reminder to judges that they have no power to create new offences by using the conspiracy laws.

Social contract call

After admitting that voluntary wage restraint is not proving fully effective, TUC leaders yesterday agreed to send unions a 2,000-word circular urging them to hold back on pay claims under the terms of the social contract. The spirit and intention of the TUC's code of conduct on collective bargaining are strongly reiterated. Page 4

Tokyo summit accord

President Ford and Mr Tanaka, the Japanese Prime Minister, agreed in their Tokyo talks that agreements on food and energy problems should be linked to their mutual defence pact. However, it was not clear how firmly Mr Tanaka accepted the Kissinger plan for the oil-consuming countries to form a consolidated front. Page 6

US telephones giant faces anti-trust suit

From Frank Vogl... In an initial reaction to the suit, Mr John Debutts, chairman of A.T. and T. said he did not believe the company was in violation of anti-trust laws. He argued that the action could lead to fragmentation of the nation's telephone network.

Mrwell' plea

ell, the Oxford students' er, which has been pub- 54 years, has appealed ey to enable it to con-

n Fein plans guard of honour for Aber as councils ban march

The police said last night that the area around Coventry mortuary where Mr McDade's body has remained since last Thursday's explosion will be cordoned from the public and the press today. At 3.30 pm members of Mr McDade's family and close Sinn Fein colleagues will assemble there to receive it.

Colonel's libel case

Lieutenant-Colonel John Elliott Brooks, the London solicitor who is suing The Sunday People for libel damages, said in the High Court yesterday that although he liked spanking girls' bottoms he did not gain pleasure from inflicting pain. Page 4

Wage rates still show inflationary trend

Continuing rapid inflation is the message of the latest wage rates and earnings figures published yesterday by the Department of Employment. Earnings rose by 1.9 per cent in September to bring the annual rate of increase implied by the most recent three monthly period for which figures are available to 32.3 per cent.

700,000 tenants spared

The transfer of 700,000 controlled tenancies to fair-rent legislation will be stopped under an order made yesterday as part of the Government's promise to repeal the Conservatives' Housing Finance Act Page 2

New airport noise zones

Changes in Heathrow's air traffic control to be introduced next year should bring greater flight safety but will cause aircraft noise in areas previously quiet. The area affected stretches from Luton to Beaconsfield over a corridor 25 miles long by four miles wide. Page 4

Fit ballot scrutiny

The NUM yesterday set up a fit inquiry into allegations of vote-rigging during last week's poll on productivity. Page 2

Watergate: The conspiracy trial in Washington is to see a videotape screening of Mr H. R. Haldeman's televised evidence in 1973. Page 6

Count Line: Holidaymakers who lost money should be repaid before the end of the year. The Association of British Travel Agents predicted yesterday. Page 17

Football: England 0, Portugal 0; Turkey 1, Ireland 1; Wales 5, Luxembourg 0.

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HOME NEWS

Detainees might stand for Ulster constitutional convention to be elected early next year

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff
The possibility of prisoners and detainees in Ulster standing for election to the proposed Northern Ireland constitutional convention is being examined by Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

He announced that yesterday after making a statement in the Commons on his discussion paper on the procedure for the convention. Although it would be difficult for a prisoner to take his place in the convention if he stood and was elected, Mr Rees said that if a detainee was elected that would weigh very much with him in reaching a decision.

Mr Rees told MPs that elections for the convention will take place early next year. He would like to give about a month's notice of the date. The name of the convention chairman will not be known until the new year.

Policeman killed by booby-trap bomb

By Robert Fisk
Belfast
Another policeman died in Northern Ireland yesterday when a booby-trap bomb blew up beneath a pavement on the Rathmore housing estate at Craigavon, Co. Armagh. Constable Robin Ford, aged 30, died instantly. He was married, with a family.

Poison gas ship may be taken out to sea for cleaning

By Stewart Tendler and Trevor Fishlock
Plans are being drawn up to get rid of poisonous arsine gas in the Asiatraveller by taking the ship well out to sea and letting the gas escape into the atmosphere. The vessel is expected to be crewed by volunteers with protective clothing.

The machine, only recently perfected, was put in the ship's living quarters to give immediate warning should there be an escape of the gas leading in number two hold, which has been sealed.

Profession people 'have more children'

By John Roper
Medical Reporter
Professional people are having fewer, smaller families, statistics published today by the Registrar General's Office show.

Mr Heath names the leader makers

By Our Political Editor
Mr Heath last night announced the membership of the committee of 10, all men, to whom he has referred the task of recommending any revision of the procedure for electing Conservative leaders.

Mineworkers' union sets up an inquiry into pit ballot irregularities

By Our Labour Editor
The National Union of Mineworkers yesterday set up an inquiry into the alleged irregularities in last week's secret pithead ballot, which led to the disqualification of 11,400 votes cast by South Wales miners and Scottish colliery craftsmen.

Policeman killed by booby-trap bomb

Major Britton said that the branches concerned, all but three in South Wales, had been discounted because they recorded a poll of more than 95 per cent (in some cases more than 100 per cent) of the stated membership at the pit.

Accused man tells court he posed as an IRA sympathizer

Barry Reid, one of three men accused of murdering an army colonel, said at his trial yesterday that he had posed as an IRA sympathizer to "lead on" his two fellow-defendants.

Councils warned of need for big economies

Parliamentary Correspondent
Extensive government assistance to local authorities and drastic economies will be needed to avoid "appalling consequences" for ratepayers next year.

Solicitors work at loss in courts, journal says

By Our Legal Correspondent
The Law Society has responded to recent criticism of the high costs of litigation by publishing statistics showing that most solicitors carry on court work at a loss.

Jury acquits film-maker of conspiracy

John Lindsay, aged cleared by an all-male Birmingham Crown Court jury of conspiracy to distribute obscene films, after a jury failed to agree.

London local papers aim to publish, despite strike

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff
Most of London's local newspapers will appear as usual this week in spite of a strike by seven hundred members of the National Union of Journalists.

Left financing Glasgow sewage strike

Left-wing extremists are financing and advising the 126 Glasgow sewerage workers who have been on unofficial strike for six weeks.

MP seeks end to secrecy

By Geoffrey Smith
Political Staff
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Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings section including a map of the British Isles and a table of weather data for various locations.

700,000 tenancies to be spared fair-rent legislation

By Our Social Services Correspondent
The automatic transfer of 700,000 controlled tenancies to fair-rent legislation will be stopped under an order made yesterday by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment.

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Heir took own life

Mr Julian Ormsby Gore, aged 33, heir of Lord Harlech, took his own life because of illness, the Hammersmith coroner decided yesterday.

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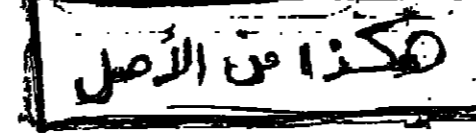
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Review of Ma contribution

The Isle of Man is to its voluntary contribution the United Kingdom, Mr Hamilton will say in a speech at a reception given by the House of Keys, which will be presided over by the Governor.



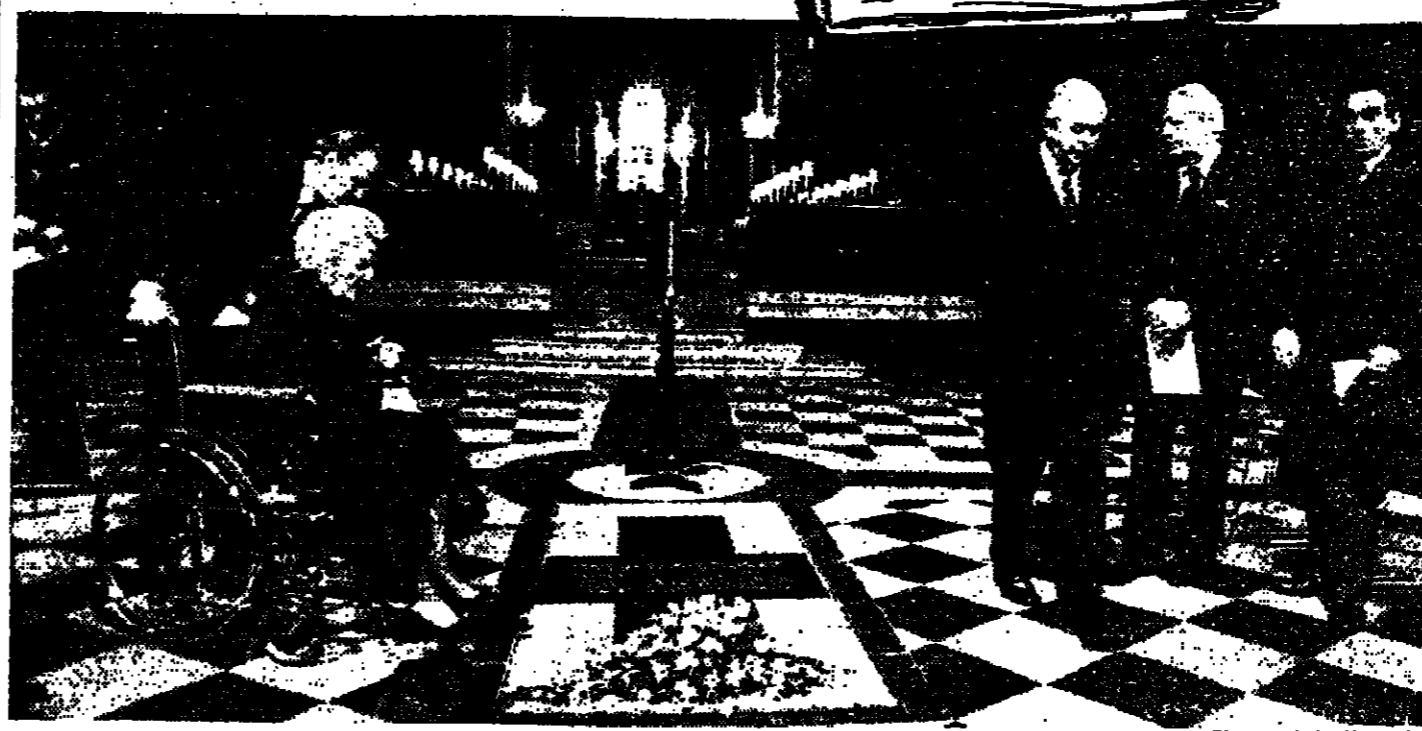
HOME NEWS

Prof people who wore black hats and berets at Provisional Sinn Féin rally are fined £50

Five people who wore black hats and berets at a Provisional Sinn Féin anti-interment rally at St Paul's Cathedral, London, were fined the maximum of £50 each. Fines and costs totalled £780.

Husband killed as wife dozed, court told

While her lover lay in wait for her husband with a gun, Elizabeth Torrance went to bed and dozed off, it was alleged at Glasgow High Court yesterday.



Mr Winston Churchill and Lady Spencer-Churchill viewing the memorial plaque to Sir Winston unveiled in St Paul's Cathedral yesterday. On the right are Mr Wilson, Mr Heath and Mr Thorpe.

Teachers at Commons demand rise

By Our Education Correspondent. About four hundred Scottish teachers went to the House of Commons yesterday to demand an immediate rise of £15 a week backdated to May 24.

Disabled workers get pay review

Remploy, the government-supported company for employing disabled people, has agreed with Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, to review wages of its severely disabled workers.

Explosives plot trial to go ahead after delay

A judge ruled at Manchester Crown Court yesterday that committal proceedings against four people on explosion charges were no longer legal. The defendants, including two sisters, were taken a mile across the city under tight security to the magistrates' court, where they were charged again.

European law uniformity an inevitable trend

Mr Rippon, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, who was European negotiator for Conservative Government, said last night that the effect of EEC membership on domestic law could be compared with that of many commercial treaties which have been signed voluntarily.

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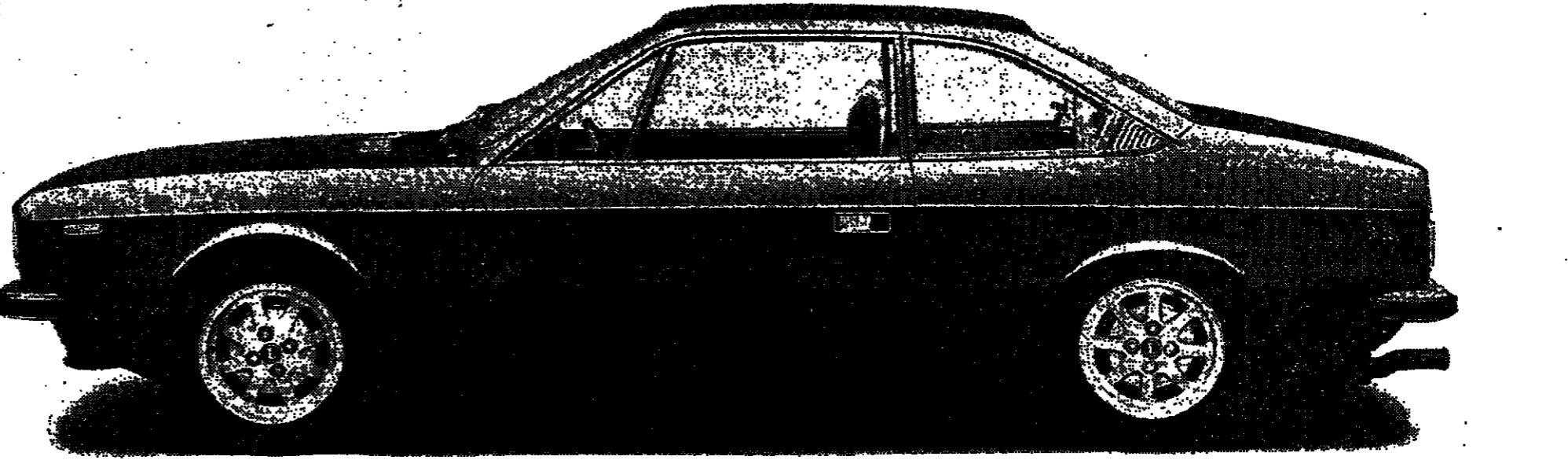
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TUC presses for end to club colour bar

The TUC is to apply pressure on the Club and Institute Union, to which many working men's clubs belong, to end any racial discrimination.

Minerals client saw no reason to suspect firm

Minerals shares but he had never given permission for them to be traded. Mr Francis John Martin, a former mayor of Tewkesbury, said he bought Westfield Minerals on Mr Bartlett's advice.

Peer's son accused

Lord Longford's son, Patrick Pakenham, aged 38, a barrister, of London Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire, was remanded on bail until February 12 at Chertsey Magistrates' Court, Surrey, yesterday charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Police to seek reason meeting jailed pickets

The Home Secretary will also be asked to bear that in mind when considering a review of the effectiveness of the Race Relations Act.

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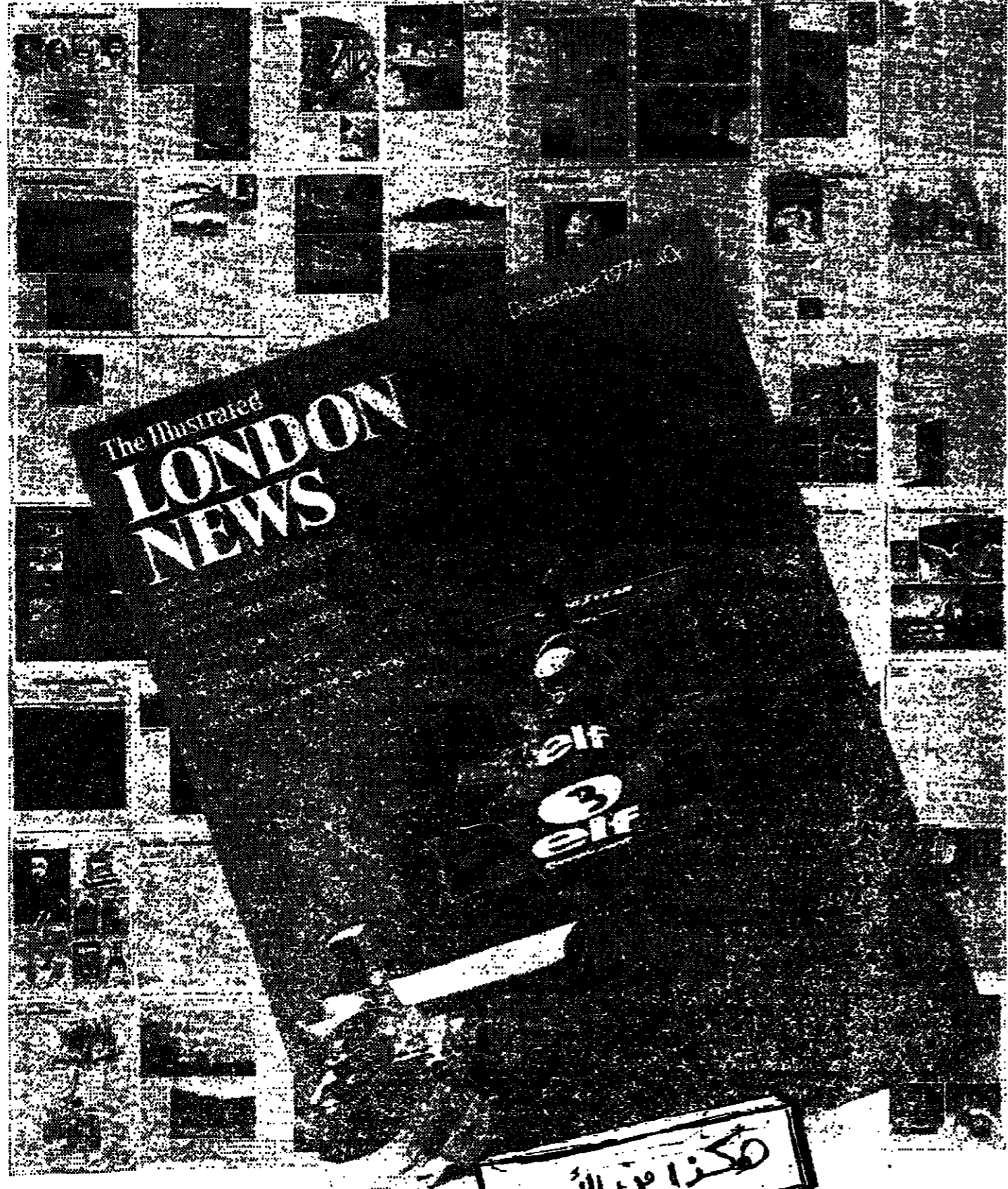
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HOME NEWS

New air rules aid safety but will alter noise areas

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Radical changes in rules for the London air traffic control zone to be introduced in April should improve flight safety but will bring aircraft noise to areas that have not suffered it before.

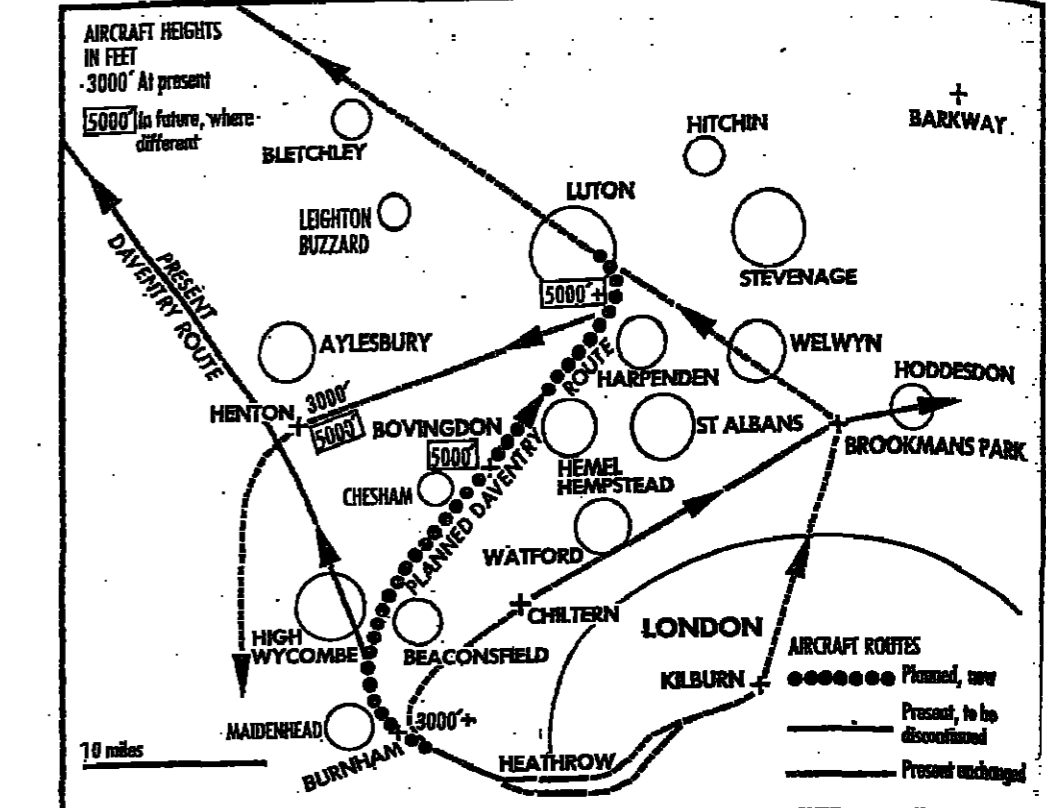
The new noise area is a corridor 25 miles long by four miles wide on the borders of Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire stretching from Beaconsfield in the south to Luton in the north, and taking in Chesham and Hemel Hempstead.

From April 24, that will become the main departure route from Heathrow for airlines going north on the major "amber" airway. When take-offs from London airport are to the west, normally two days out of three, it will be used by about a hundred aircraft a day, and by about 12 between 11 pm and 6 am.

Airliners using the new route will be at least 3,000 ft up as they turn on to it over the Burnham beacon, at least 5,000 ft as they pass over the Bovington beacon just to the north of Chesham, and above 5,000 ft by the time they reach Luton.

The change in the departure route will greatly benefit the area around High Wycombe, over which most northbound traffic from Heathrow passes.

Announcing the changes in London yesterday, the Civil



The effect of the new flight plans on areas affected by noise.

Aviation Authority said they would reduce the possibility of conflict between airlines using the amber airway between Heathrow and Daventry. At present, traffic leaving Heathrow to the west flies up the left of the airway. Traffic taking off to the east uses the right.

When the take-off direction is suddenly changed, because of a change in the wind direction, airlines in transit have to "cross over" the airway, endangering traffic. Under the

revised scheme, all departing traffic will use the right of the airway, joining airlines leaving Gatwick, and those crossing the country from airports on the Continent.

TheCAA said yesterday that the new scheme had been under consideration for two and a half years, during which time aviation interests, noise and environmental groups and local authorities had been consulted through the Department of Trade, which had agreed to the changes.

A further important change to the London terminal will be introduced on April 24, lowering it to 2,500 ft at heights within the area which light and general aircraft would have to fly through. At present such aircraft can fly at heights up to 5,000 ft without a flight plan; there is an obvious danger of conflict with the 2,000 ft aircraft that pass through area each day.

Thousands of jobs waiting for graduates

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

There are thousands of jobs for graduates, despite the economic crisis. But students are not applying for them, and when they do some are being turned away because they are underselling themselves, a careers conference in London was told yesterday.

Mr Christopher Priddle, careers adviser at the Polytechnic of the South Bank, London, said he was finding nothing like the gloom that politicians were expressing. He was speaking at a conference to launch a new series of guides to careers for graduates.

"We were waiting for cancellations and reductions in employers' recruitment schemes, but they have not come about," he said. "Politicians say there is an economic crisis, but our order books are full. Hundreds of firms like British Leyland, ICI, Shell, Ford, and Rolls-Royce are still looking for graduates."

But students were bad at filling up forms. Mr Michael Rines, author of one of the guides to marketing and sales, said: "The problem starts at school, where kids are not taught how to sell themselves and how to lay out an examination answer attractively."

One graduate applying for a job had written to a firm saying: "Dear Sir, I am a graduate and I would like a job. Yours sincerely, J. J. Carr. Careers guides for graduates (Haymarket Publishing Ltd, 5 Wimsley Street, London, W1A 2HG, free).

Colonel denies he gained pleasure from giving pain

Lieutenant-Colonel John Elliott Brooks, aged 64, who told a High Court jury on Tuesday that he liked smacking girls' bottoms, denied yesterday that he gained pleasure from inflicting pain on them. He was concluding his evidence after being in the witness box for four and a half hours.

He admitted having spanked half a dozen women at his flat, another half-dozen on his boat and "one or two after hunting." He had used a whip perhaps once or twice, but there was no violence or considerable pain involved.

"Spanking is only done to someone who likes it or is enjoying the fun", Colonel Brooks said. "Of course there is some pain, but a lot of people enjoy that."

Colonel Brooks, of Carlyle Mansions, Chelsea, Walk, Chelsea, a solicitor, is suing IPC Newspapers Ltd and Michael O'Flaherty, claiming damages for libel in an article written by the colonel's wife, Miss Susan Carr, aged 19, on his cabin cruiser, ordered her to strip, and admitted her bare bottom. The newspaper denies libel and pleads justification, saying that the article is true and fair comment on a matter of public interest.

During cross-examination on the second day of the hearing yesterday, Mr Michael Eastman, QC, for the newspaper, asked Colonel Brooks: "Do you obtain sexual pleasure by putting your hand up a woman's skirt when she is not wearing either tights or knickers?"

Colonel Brooks replied: "Not sexual pleasure, pleasure." Questioning Colonel Brooks about the girl crew on his boat, Mr Eastman asked: "You expect them to obey you instantly?" Colonel Brooks: "Yes."

In relation to your sexual pleasure you also expect instant obedience?—Certainly not. The colonel agreed that he told the girls: "I am in com-

In brief

Detective sent perjury trial

Det Sergeant Grant, aged 32, of Alexandra Ashford, Middlesex, was committed to the Central Criminal Court yesterday on a charge of perjury, for fabricating evidence in the prosecution of Arthur Under the Dangerous Drug Act. He is also accused of a false statement in court proceedings against three people.

Banned driver jailed

Albert Haywood, aged 45, of Trinity Road, Whetstone, Leics, was today sentenced to 12 months in prison for driving a stolen car. He was also fined £250 for driving a car without insurance for two years for offences, including illegal driving.

25 solicitors sought

West Midlands County Council is advertising 25 solicitor salaries totalling about £1 a year.

Makinen wins

Timo Makinen, of Finland and his British co-driver, Liddon, won the Lombard Rally, which finished in yesterday. Pat Moss came second and his wife won the women's award.

Dearer mortgages

New council mortgage rates will rise to a 12 per cent from next March. Existing borrowers will pay new rate from next March.

Prisoner surrenders

A prisoner surrendered in his cell at Armley, Leeds, for 24 hours in defiance of a decision to transfer him to another prison.

TUC reform plans in government programmes

The following circular on collective bargaining and the social contract was issued yesterday by the TUC to all affiliated unions. Since congress at Brighton in September adopted the general council's report Collective Bargaining and the Social Contract, the election of Labour government with a working majority committed to the pursuit of policies advocated by congress has been generally welcomed in all sections of the Labour movement.

The general council's report set out the achievements of the current Labour Government, the first of which was to end the three-day week. In a period of only six months the Labour Government repealed the Industrial Relations Act and abolished the Pay Board and statutory interference with collective bargaining. The independent conciliation and arbitration service began its work in September. Price control was strengthened and an extra 500,000 tons allocated for food subsidies. Rents were frozen, local authority housing expanded, and mortgage rates pegged.

The manifesto on which the Government has now been returned sets out a bold programme of reform, incorporating all the major policies advocated by congress. A large number of these commitments has now been included in the legislative programme for action in the first session of Parliament. They will include the completion of the task of repealing the Industrial Relations Act and the introduction of a major employment protection Bill. Other measures include legislation to establish planning agreements and a national enterprise board; to bring the shipbuilding and aircraft industries into public ownership; to set up development agencies in Scotland and Wales; to take land required for development into community ownership; steps to regulate and provide for employment stability in the construction industry; to establish comprehensive employment security in the ports; to establish a British industrial oil corporation; and to secure a fair distribution of income and wealth.

The Queen's Speech also incorporates the commitment, among other matters, to EEC negotiations and a referendum, and a reduction in the share of national income going to defence.

The world economic situation is no less menacing today than it was a year ago, but even so it is not to be confused with a general review of the finances of these industries, and affiliated unions will know that the general council are currently reviewing the replies received to the TUC circular on this subject. They have emphasized that the need to keep down prices is still a key priority in the context of the social contract.

The general council have in no way altered their belief that a wider and permanent system of price control is an essential part of the policy of ensuring that living standards are maintained. This is not to say that prices will not rise; indeed, as real personal incomes generally will only be maintained, prices will be rising at roughly the same rate as wages. But it is clear that it would be far better if we could gradually get prices to rise more slowly, with money wages correspondingly not going up so fast, than to have prices and wages equating with each other at a higher and higher level. Any such tendency would inevitably be self-defeating for most trade unionists.

The maintenance of living standards was the central theme of the general council's recommendations on collective bargaining contained in the statement approved by congress. Nothing has happened since to alter the assessment made in June that, while the groundwork is being laid for future increases in consumption and living standards, the scope for real increases in consumption at present is limited and a central negotiating objective in the coming period will therefore be to ensure that real incomes are maintained. This entails claiming compensation for the rise in the cost of living since the last settlement, taking into account the fact that threshold agreements, where they apply, will already have given some compensation for current price increases. The question has been asked by some unions what the position will be in respect of threshold agreements after the November elections incorporated in many agreements. On this point, the general council recognizes that, where annual

WEST EUROPE

Brandt proposal for a temporary division of Community will be given close study by Britain

David Spanier, London Correspondent... Mr Callaghan is seeking deal with the Community budget...

just how wide a net the process of renegotiation covers... The principal changes which Mr Callaghan is seeking deal with the Community budget...

On relations with the United States... The Labour Party regard as of paramount importance, the White Paper notes that in recent months "previous misunderstandings have been removed and the climate of relations between the nine governments and the United States on both political and economic matters has been improved."

Italians are beginning to have doubts about their ruling class Moro Cabinet given only short-term credit

From Peter Nichols

Rome, Nov 20... The fact that Signor Moro could formally accept the task today of leading a new government is in itself taken to be cause for some relief. But Italy's longest interregnum has ended—in the phrase of a leading commentator—with the extension of credit to the governing Christian democrats on only a short-term basis.

ment elections, lost ground to the Communists and Socialists in a manner which has alarmed them... Public opinion has thus been stimulated by two considerations. The first concerns the ability of the country to emerge from its deep political and economic crisis.



Signor Moro: hardly a fresh look about his appointments.

votes and 40 seats in the Chamber of Deputies... The Government itself scarcely has a fresh look. The local government elections confirmed the shift leftward in the country but Signor Moro has not moved his party even a shade to the left.

French 'national' strike a failure

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Nov 20

It is significant that today's issue of L'Humanité, the Communist newspaper, under the banner headlines "There were millions yesterday strike of 'Demonstrations' should add immediately afterwards: 'For the CGT and CFDT (trades union organization), negotiations are more essential than ever.'"

The fact is that if yesterday's demonstrations in Paris and throughout the country were the most impressive since 1968, the one day "national strike" was a failure. Even in the public services, where it was observed to the tune of between 50 and 80 per cent, public transport, which is the usual barometer of such strike action, was never completely paralyzed at any stage.

There was no official comment on Herr Brandt's idea, which was made in a speech in earlier this week, but Mr Hattersley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said tonight that any suggestion of the former West German Chancellor deserved careful consideration.

Perhaps the most revealing part of the report is the distinctly encouraging tone in which political cooperation in the Community is described. "In the view of the Government," the White Paper says, "the cooperation which has been established has proved valuable. The nine governments have continued to cooperate on the common positions at the conference on security and cooperation in Europe; at the United Nations they have adopted common positions on an increasing number of international problems, though not on all."

The report adds that the nine governments agreed to establish a Europe-Arab "dialogue" with the Arab states through which it is hoped to create an increasingly constructive relationship with the Arab world through cooperation in a wide range of fields, and goes on: "The Government, together with the other member governments of the Community, are also determined to preserve a balanced relationship with Israel and to maintain our many links with that country."

Bomb explosion at home of Hamburg judge

Hamburg, Nov 20—A bomb exploded at the house of a West German judge today in the latest incident of what police suspect is a planned wave of terror by the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla group.

Farmers hail beef 'breakthrough'

By Our Agricultural Correspondent... Plans to aid beef farmers through subsidies and EEC intervention buying were hailed by the National Farmers' Union yesterday as "a major breakthrough".

January, and a variable premium to bring the minimum livestock price for producers up to £18 a cwt now and almost £22 in January.

issued by the Meat and Livestock Commission yesterday were above the intervention level. So, although Mr Peart has accepted the principle of intervention in Britain, after months of implacable opposition to it, there may be no need to use it.

kidnap victim freed in state of shock

Brescia, Nov 20—Kidnappers freed Signor Giuseppe Schini, the son of an Italian magistrate early today for a record ransom of between 200m and 7,000m lire (£1m and £4.3m).

Holy Year will show up Rome's public services

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Nov 20... Increasing fears are being expressed over the possible ecological and health hazards to which Rome will be subjected in Holy Year.

Two weeks ago the city's health officer stated, in a letter to the municipal authorities, that in view of the coming Holy Year he felt "constrained to decline all responsibility, including responsibility before the law", unless urgent steps were taken about health hazards.

The package which Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, agreed with his EEC counterparts early yesterday, includes intervention rates, starting at £15 a cwt now for best-quality stock, and rising to more than £19 in mid-

average cattle market prices... The variable premium, which will be paid entirely from British funds and added to the present fixed premium, will bring a higher floor to the total price received by the farmer.

Sir Henry Plumb, president of the NFU, said the introduction of a firm floor price indicated the union's activity of the past few months.

Leading article, page 15... The stage is therefore set for negotiation. The Government itself does not wish to drive the unions to the wall, or force them to a real showdown, contrary to the opinion expressed by some newspapers in the last few days.

Madrid attempt to muzzle Andorra

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Nov 20... Spain is putting economic pressure on the tiny independent principality of Andorra in Pyrenees in what may be an attempt to force the Andorran authorities to silence anti-Spaniards there.

under instructions to charge full duty on every possible item... Last Monday, the Andorran Government published an official statement, drafted by its parliament, the Council of Elders, regretting the "lamentable acts of hostility towards persons or institutions of a neighbouring country, in this case, Spain."

It added that the Andorran people "regret, condemn and lament moral violence in the form of attacks against persons, institutions or symbols of friendly countries, regardless of ideological motivations. But apparently the Andorran statement was not enough

AID AND LIBERATION.

Many European governments, international organizations and churches have sent aid to the liberated areas of Mozambique, Angola and Guinea Bissau. They funded schools and clinics. They helped grow food and set up village co-operatives.



The report, Aid in Conflict, urges that Britain gives assistance to the people caught up in these wars: the civilians, the refugees, the combatants. It also shows that the focus of war is shifting to Rhodesia, South-West Africa and South Africa. It explains why the people there should be helped, and it tries to resolve the doubts the British public may have about working through liberation movements to help this increasingly troubled region.

US aid doubtful if Portugal goes communist

Lisbon, Nov 20—Senator Edward Kennedy today said it would be unrealistic of Portugal to expect American aid if it had a communist government.

Lisbon bids farewell to its yellow trams... The yellow trams of Lisbon are being withdrawn from service and are up for sale. Too expensive to run and maintain, too slow on the city's seven steep hills, they are to be replaced by buses mainly, and perhaps trolleybuses as well.

A link is broken with Britain, for the "Carris" service was granted as a concession to a subsidiary of Lisbon Electric Tramways Ltd of London in 1898. The beginning of the end came last year when the municipality bought 62 per cent of the shares.

What is happening next?

Since we last gave you news of Britain's change-over to the metric system, some further changes have taken place which you might like to know about.

New things going Metric.

The change you are most likely to have noticed in the shops lately is the new system of dual marking for clothes. Most clothing—for men, women and children—now has measurements quoted in centimetres as well as inches.

It might be a help for you to note down your own measurements in metric, so that when clothes measurements are quoted only in centimetres you will have no trouble deciding which is your size. (Most tape measures these days show inches on one side and centimetres on the other.)

Further changes you may have noticed are that the new stock of blankets coming into the shops have gone metric; that most new dress patterns are now dual-marked in both centimetres and inches; and on the food front, that pasta products like uncooked macaroni may now be sold in metric packs.

Metric packs are being distinctively marked.

What are the Metric Measures?

The three metric measures which you are likely to be concerned with in day-to-day life are the metre, the litre and the kilogram.

Diagrams and text explaining the metre, litre, and kilogram. The metre is the basic measure of length. The litre is the basic measure for liquids. The kilogram is the basic measure in metric, weighing is done in kilograms and grams.

What is happening next?

Clothing sizes will complete their change-over to metric during the course of next year, though shoe sizes are unlikely to alter for the time being.

Early next year, fabrics will start to be sold in metres and parts of a metre instead of yards and parts of a yard. (Many new paper patterns already tell you how much material you are going to need in metres.)

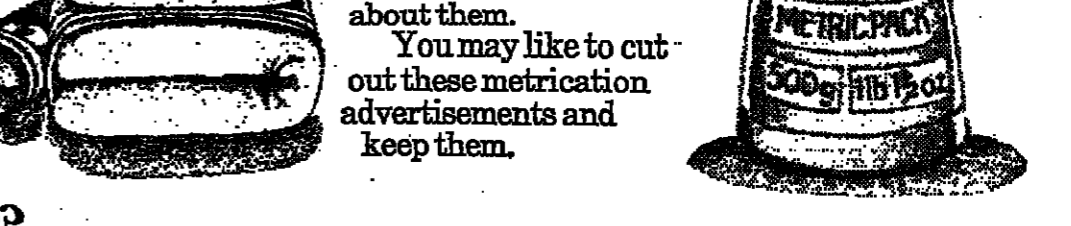
Fabric widths will stay the same, though you will find them quoted in centimetres as well as inches.

Carpets also will start to be sold in metres and square metres early next year.

The next two of the pre-packed foods which are usually bought by weight—sugar and salt—will be starting their changes to metric during 1975. In September 1975 the Post Office too will go metric.

There will be plenty of notice of these changes and of other metric changes yet to come. The Metrication Board will let you know about them.

You may like to cut out these metrication advertisements and keep them.



Where to get more information.

More information is available from your local Trading Standards Officer or Consumer Protection Officer (Inspector of Weights and Measures), from your Citizens' Advice Bureau, Consumer Advice Centre, or your local Women's Institute or Rural Community Council.

The Metrication Board 22 Kingsway, London WC2B 6LE. Logo and contact information.

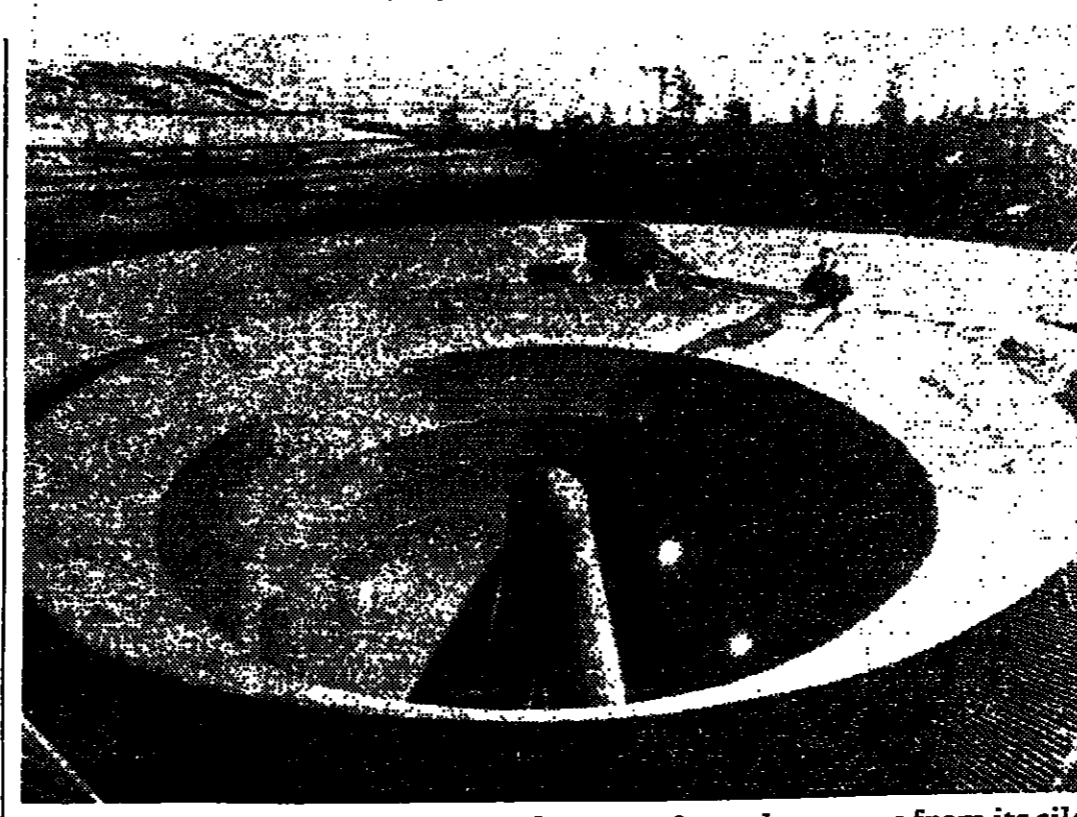
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OVERSEAS

Food and energy crises linked with mutual defence pact in Ford-Tanaka summit talks

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Nov 20 Japanese and American leaders, who had summit talks in Tokyo today, decided that their mutual defence pact would prove superfluous unless they also formed an alliance to combat problems of food and energy which are emerging as the real new threats to their security.

nations before they negotiate with the producers. The vague assertion, which was made after the second and final round of discussions between President Ford and Mr Tanaka today, is surprising in that the Japanese Government has consistently shied away from any plan which could harm Japan's newly established ties with the Middle East.



Somewhere in the Soviet Union, the nose of a rocket peeps from its silo, watched by a lone technician. The photograph was issued officially.

Clerides warning on moves by armed groups

From Our Correspondent Nicosia, Nov 20 Clerides, the acting President, left Nicosia for London today to brief Archbishop Makarios on the situation in Cyprus. He sounded a warning that rival armed Greek Cypriot groups were preparing for action in view of the Archbishop's imminent return.

British support for Kissinger peace effort

From Peter Stratford New York, Nov 20 Britain today gave support to the Middle East negotiations conducted by Dr Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State. Mr Ivor Richard, the British representative at the United Nations, said: "We shall do all in our power to ensure that the peace negotiations which Dr Kissinger is at present conducting are not prejudiced or in any way put at risk."

Arab traders' boycott broken by troops

From Eric Marsden Ramallah, Nov 20 Arab shopkeepers in this small Christian town were forced to reopen their premises this afternoon after staging the first complete Arab boycott in support of the Palestine Liberation Organization since the West Bank disturbances began a week ago.

Watergate trial to see TV recording

From Fred Emery Washington, Nov 20 Recordings of television appearances are about to supplement the hours of playing back the tape-recording conspiracy at the Watergate trial.

Jailed publisher goes on hunger strike in Manila

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Nov 20 Mr Eugenio Lopez, the publisher of the Manila Chronicle, has been on hunger strike in his prison cell in Manila since Monday, members of his family announced today.

S Korean officer killed in secret tunnel from north

Seoul, Nov 20—A South Korean officer was killed today and six other military personnel, five of them Americans, were wounded when an explosion ripped through a North Korean tunnel in the demilitarized zone, the United Nations Command announced.

South Africa eases rules for black mineworkers

From Our Own Correspondent Cape Town, Nov 20 In an effort to ease its dependence on foreign African labour, the South African Government has eased regulations which inhibit the recruitment of urban Africans to work in the mining industry.

Yugoslav minister's visit

By A. M. Rendel Mr Milos Mincic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, begins a two-day official visit to London on Monday, and will meet Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, in formal sessions at the Foreign Office.

Arafat call to PLO chiefs

Beirut, Nov 20—Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian guerrilla leader, drove into Beirut from Damascus today and immediately contacted with military leaders of the PLO. Mr Arafat also summoned the overall leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization into session tomorrow to discuss the threat of meeting guerrilla attacks with force, the sources said.—UPI.

Unesco approves sanctions against Israel

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 20 The Unesco General Conference today approved the condemnation of Israel and sanctions recommended by the cultural committee last week.

Kidnapped officer murdered by Argentine guerrillas

Buenos Aires, Nov 20—A kidnapped army officer was shot dead by left-wing guerrillas, who have been in captivity for 10 months, as the police tried to rescue him during a fierce gun battle in a suburb of Buenos Aires, police sources said today.

Air strikes decide battle for Vietnam base

Saigon, Nov 20—Government infantry, supported by armoured cars and heavy air strikes, today recaptured a militia position on Saigon's northern defence line lost to the communists last May, military sources said here.

Croatian Ustashi 'planned wave of assassination'

Zadar, Nov 20—Defence lawyers for 16 Croatian right-wing nationalists today demanded that three court officials be barred from a subsequent trial here.

Sudanese leader calls on Mr Sadat

From Our Correspondent Cairo, Nov 20 President Sadat and President Nimeiry of Sudan held consultations in Cairo today on the latest developments in the Middle East crisis and on inter-Arab affairs.

Last world chess game postponed

Moscow, Nov 20—The final game in the chess match between Viktor Korchnoi and Anatoly Karpov has been postponed from today until Friday. The postponement was requested by Korchnoi because of illness.

Charities urged to aid freedom groups

By Martin Huckerby British charities and the British Government should provide humanitarian aid to African liberation movements, suggested War on Want in a report published yesterday.

Chicago mayor's ex-aide jailed

New York, Nov 20—Mr Ed Bush, a former press aide to Mayor Richard Daley, the mayor of Chicago, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for mail fraud.

Anguilla protest

The Valley, Anguilla, Nov 20—The Anguilla Council, headed by Mr Ronald Webster, the island's rebel leader, closed down operations today in protest against Britain's failure to settle the island's political status. It decided to cease its function until Britain indicates that it would give the island a new constitution.

5,000-year-old chariot

Moscow, Nov 20—Soviet archaeologists have uncovered in the Urals a two-wheeled chariot, dating back to about 3,500 BC and similar to those used in ancient Greece and Egypt, Tass said.

Caucasus earthquake

Moscow, Nov 20—Families were left homeless after a series of medium and light earthquakes hit the eastern Caucasus mountains last week, causing widespread damage to buildings, Tass reported today. No one was killed and people in neighbouring districts took in the homeless families.

Cricketers' escape

Delhi, Nov 20—Alvin Kallicharran and Leonard Baichan, the West Indian cricketers, escaped serious injury last night when their car hit a traffic island in Hyderabad.



Conspiracy to effect public mischief not known to law

of Public Prosecutions and Others

Lord Reid, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Diplock, Lord Simon and Lord Kilbrandon

was on criminal conspiracy to include a conspiracy to effect public mischief. The phrase "public mischief" was not to be used in the future by the courts. It was to be used in the future by the courts to power to create new offences. It was to be used in the future by the courts to power to create new offences. It was to be used in the future by the courts to power to create new offences.

been so treated. In those days Parliament met but seldom and common law was not now with the criminal law.

In *R v Munday* (1933) 1 KB 529 it was held that giving false information to the police with the result that they wasted their time and were therefore an offence. That offence was not a public mischief. It was a crime against the public. It was a crime against the public. It was a crime against the public.

Itself a criminal offence whether done by him alone or in conjunction with other persons. It was, that was not an offence with which he was charged. In each case the subject matter of the charge was the prior agreement with other persons to do that which they intended to do. It was to be inferred from the fact that they subsequently did it. In each case the prosecution had attached a different label to the agreement with which the defendant was charged.

His Lordship's personal conviction was that that branch of the law which is now treated as a criminal offence is not a crime; and that its irrationality became justice if it took days of legal argument to justify the research on appeal to the House to discover whether any crime had been committed even though the facts were undisputed. His Lordship welcomed the fact that such a reproach to our criminal jurisprudence was engaging the attention of the Law Commission.

Meanwhile the law must be administered as it was. He was glad to agree that the House was not compelled by previous authority to recognize the existence of a generalized offence of "conspiracy to effect a public mischief" which would include the particulars of offence under count 1 disclosed an offence known to the common law. It was the defendant's duty to make a crime it was for Parliament to legislate accordingly.

LORD SIMON, also concurring, said that both the conduct of the appellants and the state of the law raised issues of even more than ordinary importance. The information which the appellants were charged with conspiring to obtain was in a number of cases which might have been regarded as coming within well-known heads such as conspiracy to defraud or to pervert the course of justice, etc.

(1) There was no separate and distinct offence of conspiracy to effect a public mischief. The information which the appellants were charged with conspiring to obtain was in a number of cases which might have been regarded as coming within well-known heads such as conspiracy to defraud or to pervert the course of justice, etc.

(2) That description had in the past been used in a number of cases which might have been regarded as coming within well-known heads such as conspiracy to defraud or to pervert the course of justice, etc.

(3) It was far too late to hold that a conspiracy of the kind that occurred in those cases was not criminal.

(4) The judges had no power to create new offences. It was the duty of the House to administer the law as it was. He was glad to agree that the House was not compelled by previous authority to recognize the existence of a generalized offence of "conspiracy to effect a public mischief" which would include the particulars of offence under count 1 disclosed an offence known to the common law.

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Deceit not necessary for conspiracy to defraud

Scott v Metropolitan Police Commissioner

Before Lord Reid, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Diplock, Lord Simon and Lord Kilbrandon

Deceit is not a necessary ingredient of the common law offence of conspiracy to defraud. The offence may be committed where persons agree to cause economic loss to a private individual by dishonest means; and dishonesty of any kind is sufficient.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Anthony Scott from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Roskill, Lord Justice James and Mr Justice Michael Davies) (The Times, January 30, 1974) 1 WLR 575 dismissing his appeal against conviction on an indictment alleging, inter alia, a conspiracy to defraud and a conspiracy to contravene section 21(1)(a) of the Copyright Act 1956.

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Lords' attention had... drawn to any case before... jury where a person was... with effecting a public... or where the charge was... to effect one. The... to the public mischief... appeared in the indictment in... (1905) 2 KB 730, Lord... Lord Alverstone, the Lord... said that the act done... a passport by a false... was a cheat and that the... court to direct the jury... the act might tend to the... mischief.

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£9,200 for English silver penny of AD948

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Glendinning's achieved a record price for an English silver penny yesterday at £9,200 but the secret of the high price was its Viking appeal. It was a coin dating from AD 948 of the Hiberno-Norse King of York, Eric Bloodaxe; Bloodaxe was the son of Harold Fair Hair, King of Norway and there was keen Scandinavian interest in the coin yesterday. It went to Ahlstrom, a Scandinavian dealer based in Geneva, and was underbid by Spinks on behalf of an Oslo museum.

Sotheby's were selling modern British art. A Henry Moore bronze sculpture of a "Mother and Child", 14 inches high, reached £23,500 (estimate £15,000-£20,000). It was bought by James Kirtman, a collector of modern art through Sotheby's in 1971 at £13,500. Richard Attenborough, the actor and a keen collector of British art, paid £23,000 (estimate £20,000-£30,000) for a Henry Moore bronze "Seated Figure" of 1949, 17 1/2 inches high. An abstract painting by Ben Nicholson, "Calliope", February, 1961, went to Baskett and Day for £14,000 (estimate £10,000-£15,000).

Prices generally fell below estimates though a few isolated items sold exceptionally well. Slickert's "Raupe House, Dierpe" made £5,000 (estimate £3,000-£12,000); Munnings' "Rose, Wildbird, Peggy and Stockings" made £3,000 (estimate £2,000-£12,000); the Lovell's "The Boy on the Boat" but Sidney Nolan's "Ned Kelly" made £5,000 (estimate £1,000-£2,000).

The sale of Art Nouveau and Art Deco at Sotheby's Belgravia did not repeat last summer's high prices. There was little interest in the Bagatelle furniture but they achieved the highest English auction price on record for Gallé glass: a "Rose de France" made at £4,500 (estimate £2,500-£5,000).

The first day of the Parke Bernet sale of the Stockhausen collection of English and American literature saw a first edition of Robert Herrick's "Hesperides" at \$9,000 (£3,846); estimate \$6,000-£12,000; Robert Burns's "Poems of 1786" at \$9,000 (£3,846); estimate \$6,000-£12,000; a first edition of Gray's "Elegy" at \$5,500 (£2,350); estimate \$2,500-£8,000.

Christie's have continued their series of Geneva sales. Among the Fabergé and Russian works of art sold on Tuesday night there was a Fabergé purple seated cat at 50,000 Swiss francs (£8,170); estimate 60,000 francs. The star piece was a square jewel presentation snuff box, unsold at 100,000 francs; estimate 120,000 francs.

In yesterday's sale an antique gold mouse automaton of about 1810, made in France (£13,072); estimate 50,000 francs.

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Mr Foot seeking freedom for editors, journalists and trade unions: further talks promised

House of Commons
MR PRIOR (Lowestoft, C), Opposition spokesman on employment, asked the Secretary of State for his meeting with the national newspaper editors yesterday.

MR FOOT (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—The editors expressed to me their concern about the possible effects of a closed shop in journalism on the forthcoming Bill to amend the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. I undertook to consider their views and to have further discussions with them.

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fresh discussions with them, but principally with the Commons. They did not raise the immediate question of the industrial disputes. If they had wished to do so they would have done so, but they came to see me about the Bill.

MR GEORGE GARDNER (Reigate, C)—Opposition spokesman on employment, asked the Secretary of State for his meeting with the national newspaper editors yesterday.

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Outlook grim: Mr Crosland expects to be unpopular with ratepayers next spring

MR CHANNON, Opposition spokesman on the environment (Southend, West, C), opening a debate on the rates, said the reason why the burden of local taxation was being paid on far too narrow a base.

Urgent reform was required. The time for reform was far too slow. The Secretary of State's flat rate domestic relief, introduced in March last in many ways made the rating situation much worse than it was before.

What worried people was what was going to happen next year. The Government had been successful in getting the rates down, but it was not clear what was going to happen next year.

He had seen reports of London authorities estimating increases of as much as 100 per cent in the next year. The Government had been successful in getting the rates down, but it was not clear what was going to happen next year.

burden of the rates—the suggestion of the removal of teachers' salaries from the long term the only solution was abolition of domestic rating and its replacement by a much fairer system of taxation based on people's ability to pay.

The cost of teachers' salaries was £1,400 million last year, and local authorities had to find 40 per cent of that. By transferring that cost to the Exchequer, there would be a worthwhile saving to all ratepayers.

Ministers had suggested that this would be inflationary. But what was more important was the burden of the rates on the ratepayer.

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system. It was widely regarded as inequitable between individuals, unjust between households, and harsh, even oppressive, to ratepayers in general.

The Tory Government had been rigidly, adamantly and insistently opposed to any suggestion for rating the poor ratepayer.

The Labour Party in opposition showed that they understood the strong and natural feelings of the ratepayer.

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LADY ROBSON OF KIDBY (L) said she could not be taken to be a patient who was less than a member of the medical profession to be treated with confidence by patients.

LADY SUMMERSKILL (L) said that the Government was misled. He was emphasizing something which was common to many people of the years—whether they were in the British Medical Journal.

LORD AMULREE said the needs of patients to be understood it was clearly right that people should be given the opportunity to be heard as well as necessary. It was also important to get an answer to the questions raised in the House.

Rate relief for houses not on main drainage

MR WARD (Peterborough, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for the Environment whether he would consider proposals for giving relief from sewerage charges to the occupiers of properties not connected to public sewers.

MR DENIS HOWELL, Under Secretary, said in a written reply—Yes, as I told the House on November 5 the Secretary of State is considering proposals for giving relief from sewerage charges to the occupiers of properties not connected to public sewers.

Book contains no claim of euthanasia in Scotland

MRS WINIFRED EWING (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat) asked the Lord Advocate to initiate steps to restrict the content of the legal profession in Scotland.

MR KING MURRAY (Edinburgh, Lab)—No. Initiative properly lies with the two branches of the Faculty of Advocates and the Law Society of Scotland.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Lords
Today at 3.00: Biological Standards Bill, Food Purity Protection Bill, Conservation of Ancient Monuments Bill, National Theatre Bill, second reading.

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Social Security Bill, second reading.

Assistance from Europe to developing countries

LORD OHAGAN, initiating a debate on EEC aid to developing countries, said the Government should resist any attempts by the EEC to give food aid without a corresponding increase in the amount of development aid towards the countries in question.

LORD LLOYD OF KILGERAN (L) said that food aid would be better distributed and dealt with through national and United Nations agencies rather than through Community procedures.

Heavy responsibility rests with people of Northern Ireland

MR M'RYN REES, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Leeds, South, Lab), said in a statement—The Government are publishing today the second in its series of discussion papers, designed to prepare the way for the Northern Ireland Convention.

Mr Rees says the election will take place early next year and that he will give next year a month's notice of all the usual undependability of a long election campaign but as conditions are unusual and there is no assembly would be considered giving a rather more definite indication of the date rather than he at present intends to do.

Mr Benn has not stopped studies by EEC Commission to help redundant workers

MR MOONMAN (Basilston, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Industry to publish all departmental correspondence appertaining to the three European Commission studies concerning redundant workers in Northern Ireland.

MR BENN, in a written reply, said he had not stopped the studies for workers made by the European Commission.

Maintaining secrecy of clinical reports

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THE ARTS



Sara Kestelman and Ian McKellen

The Marquis of Keith Aldwych Helpfully, if not encouragingly, the British discovery of Wedekind is proceeding in chronological order: from Spring Awakening to the Lulu plays, and now to the piece he wrote in Switzerland while taking refuge from police charges in Germany.

Walter Klien stays with the piano

Walter Klien is just one of the growing band of foreign pianists who now make their home in London. While still loving, and making frequent trips to, his native Austria, he finds musical life here at least as stimulating as in his own country.

London debuts

Like most South American composers, Alberto Ginastera (born 1916) began as a pianist. The hammering rhythms of the quick movements in his String Quartet No 1 Op 20 of 1948 show him thoroughly occupied with the Argentinean gaucho tradition.

Figaro in Hamburg

December 8. The cast includes Bernd Weikl (Count), Justino Diaz (Figaro), Nancy Shade (Cousness) and Jutta-Renate Hloff (Susanna). Gary Bertini is the conductor.



Alan Coren

I struck gold on Tuesday. And as all followers of Brennan know, gold is invariably struck against the odds. There could not be a chance that was managed against Rhoda. It is not only a situation comedy, it is a spin-off of a situation comedy: The Dick Van Dyke Show beget The Mary Tyler Moore Show and The Mary Tyler Moore Show beget Alan Coren's Rhoda.

See what you are missing

Yankee Treble-Rhoda BBC2 Alan Coren I struck gold on Tuesday. And as all followers of Brennan know, gold is invariably struck against the odds.

LSO/Weller Festival Hall

Of the two great Czech nineteenth-century Romantics, Smetana seems much less happy than Dvořák to travel away from home. Czech musicians can find great things in him, but in Tuesday's concert the London Symphony Orchestra under Walter Weller made little of his symphonic poem Vltava.

Max Harrison

His Quartet No 2 Op 26 (1958, revised 1968) is said to mark a turning away from nationalism, but the movement headings (rustico, angoscioso, magico, rapsodico and furioso) protest too much.

Alan Blyth

He studied at the Vienna Academy, also at Frankfurt, conducting with Kurt Thomas, but I'm definitely not one of those pianists who also want to take up the baron. One of the biggest influences on him was Alfred Cortot. "I heard his last recitals in Vienna in the early Fifties. I remember sitting on the stage behind the piano with Alfred Brendel. Cortot played the Chopin Preludes and Studies. In spite of all the wrong notes, these are performances I shall never forget.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Football

Review told how hard the going can be

By Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent

Football 9
If a rose is a rose is a rose is a rose...



Thomas and Clarke make claims for a goal that the referee refused.

most lie squarely with the midfield men. Francis, Brooking and Todd...

leagues, were left like sailors thrown up from a shipwreck...

better than when I saw them in Switzerland and I'm not sure...

Scotland colourless in rags, Spain colourful in patches

By John Downie

Scotland 1 Spain 2
Having raised their well-wishers' hopes with meritorious displays in the World Cup and the recent friendly match with East Germany...

Long before that, however, the Scots had lost their early verve. Bremner's passes were of variable accuracy...

The cheers rose again in 83 minutes when long down-draft passes by McQueen and Jordan...

cautioned for kicking the ball away after the award of a free kick. It was a humdrum ending.

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European ban has Liverpool puzzled

By Norman Fox

Liverpool's football club are to write to the European football union (UEFA) asking for official recognition of a decision to suspend Tommy Smith for two European matches...

Rugby Union Still some cheer in a fallen cup

By Peter West

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent Cambridge University 21 M. S. Steele-Bodgers XV 22

Towards the end of the game Smith fell to the ground and later claimed that he had been hit by a bottle thrown from the crowd.

Cambridge were hard pushed now, but a Cowman loop outside Gibson's cross-unstick, Brovlee backed through and Wood just beat France to the touchdown.

West Germans save the day against Greece

Athens, Nov. 20

The West Germans launched several attacks and almost equalled the record of 15 goals scored in the 40th minute.

An Irish wind blows Irish no good

From an Irish Rugby Correspondent

Cambridge at once retaliated with a tap of their own. Wordsworth finished Williams and showing his right-wing prowess...

Wales score best victory against any foreign side

By a Special Correspondent

Wales 5 Luxembourg 0
Yes, some of the British at least can still score goals!

A win that puts Springboks on road to Toulouse

Clermont-Ferrand, Nov. 20

The touring South African rugby team struck back here today with an easy victory over a Central France selection.

European results and tables

European championship

Table with columns for Group One, Group Two, Group Four, Group Five, Group Six, Group Eight, and Group Nine, listing countries and their match results.

Deacons up to their ankles in semolina pudding

By Alan Gifford

It was a fine, comical game of rugby, governed by a man who had having touched the ball, Malmgren moved up to scrum half...

the visitors were in front again. In the 10th minute, Cambridge were in front once more. An open-side burst by Harding was splendidly supported by the prop, Lintott...

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Berkshire warm up too late in arctic Banbury

By Peter Marston

Oxfordshire's second defeat in the county rugby championship at Banbury yesterday rang down the curtain on an indifferent performance...

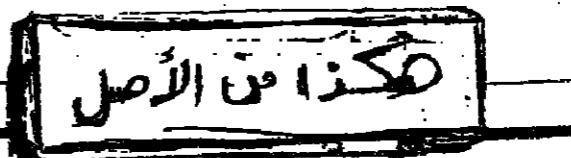
Republic of Ireland survive

Turkey 1 Rep of Ireland 1

Turkey were predominantly defence-conscious and often prepared to commit more than three men to attack...

Today's fixtures

Table listing today's fixtures for the Southern League, Northern League, and other regional leagues, including match times and venues.



Mayor of this town—and the groundsman. Clem Jones in action at the Woolongabba racecourse yesterday after he had dismissed the man in charge.

oyd on casualty list but MCC decide against replacement

ohn Woodcock... ground this morning was barely... Mr Jones, a staunch socialist, has been mayor for 14 years. He is 56. In a supervisory capacity he has something to do with the preparation of Brisbane's last three Test wickets.

Boxing EBU agree to nominate only worthy contenders

The British Boxing Board of Control have at last persuaded the European Boxing Union to stop making a mockery of some of the world's best fighters.

Racing Racehorse owners show their teeth

By Michael Phillips... It obviously takes a crisis to unite the various bodies involved in the welfare of English racing.

Hennessy may be lost for first time

There will be no racing today. The courses at Warwick and Taunton are both waterlogged.

Lee aiming to hurt and intimidate

ane, Nov. 20.—The Australian bowler, Dennis Lillee, limited that he intended to bowl a fast, swinging ball.

Bruslee's chance for Gold Cup double

Michael Scudamore's steeplechaser, Bruslee, will attempt to become the first to win both the Mackeson-Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup double at Cheltenham on December 7.

McCain profits and then plans ahead

Donald McCain, the Southport trainer, was busy at Sedgefield yesterday where racing was postponed.

Weights for Irish Sweeps Hurdle

The champion hurdler, Lanza, rode, and last year's winner, Convey, Errors, share top weights of 12st 12lb.

ures for the 1975 Minor Counties championship

- 19—Southill Park—Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire
20—Macclesfield—Cheshire v Durham
21—Macclesfield—Cheshire v Shropshire

Real tennis Willis fights hard to meet Angus

By Our Real Tennis Correspondent... Howard Angus and Frank Willis, respective amateur and professional champions, met in a real tennis match at Queen's Club yesterday.

Gross jackpot pool to be guaranteed

Starting with the next jackpot meeting, the tote will guarantee the gross jackpot pool each day on which a gross pool is set.

Sedgefield results

- 20-1 Dunstable (13th), Charlie Moore (14th), Johnnie (15th), 12-10.
20-2 Dunstable (13th), Charlie Moore (14th), Johnnie (15th), 12-10.

Counties face fixtures crisis

London Hockey League... championship in various areas. Kent and Sussex, for instance, who should have played three weeks ago, are meeting on Sunday at Lewes.

Badminton Hartono seeks All-England title again

Jakarta, Nov. 20.—Rudy Hartono, the Indonesian badminton player, has been named as the favorite to win the All-England title for the eighth time next March.

Golf Oosterhuis is now back in third place

Palm Springs, California, Nov. 20.—Peter Oosterhuis of Britain, who is now back in third place in the 144-hole qualifying tournament here for the 1975 United States Golf Circuit.

South African challenge for World Cup

Caracas, Nov. 20.—South African golfers are expected to pose a major challenge to the defending United States team in the World Cup which opens outside Venezuela capital tomorrow.

Trevino made to pay heavily for outburst

Sydney, Nov. 20.—Lee Trevino has been fined \$300 (£220) by the Australian Professional Golf Association for his outburst on the Royal Melbourne course 10 days ago.

Card of course

Table with 4 columns: Hole, Yards, Par, Hole, Yards, Par. Rows include 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

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Alan Sillitoe: intelligent insights... camp owner visited by once-destitute, now rich and fashionable painter, Albert Handley...

Susan I

The Abbess of Crewe By Muriel Spark (Macmillan, £2) The Flame of Life By Alan Sillitoe (W. H. Allen, £2.95) At the Abbey of Crewe all is vanity and intrigue...

Michael Ratcliffe... The battle for reason has been fought many times: each age of Pentheus must fear the coming of Dionysus...

Nourished in dark soil Samuel Johnson By John Wain (Macmillan, £4.95) John Wain is 49, with more than 25 years of fiction, poetry, criticism and teaching behind him...

Now 21 weeks on the bestseller lists LE CARRÉ Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy 'It is a triumph' Daily Mail

The 16th Annual W. H. Smith £1000 LITERARY AWARD just won by ANTHONY POWELL for his novel TEMPORARY KINGS

The Wolfson Literary Award for History has been awarded to Dr. Theodore Zeldin for his book France 1848-1945 - Volume One: Ambition, Love and Politics

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Prime sources Knaves, Fools and Heroes in Europe between the Wars By Sir John Wheeler-Bennett (Macmillan, £3.95) Sir John Wheeler-Bennett sums himself up with characteristic accuracy...

Science fiction Flow My Tears, The Policeman Said By Philip K. Dick (Gollancz, £2.20) Jason Taverner, television celebrity in a haywire world where the cops are too often the downbeat ending...

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Essentials of India An Indian Journey By James Cameron (Macmillan, £3.50) The India is 10 million things the books fail to mention: the quotation is from James Cameron, writing in another place...

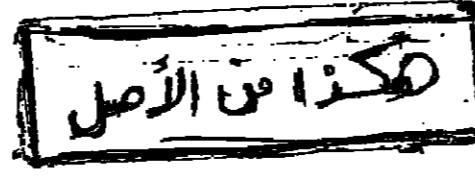
The roll call of loss The English Country House By Olive Cook (Thames & Hudson, £4.50) Photographs by A. F. Kersting (Thames & Hudson, £4.50) The Destruction of the Country House By Roy Strong, Marcus Binney, John Harris (Thames & Hudson, £4.95, paperback, £2.50)

Books for Christmas: next Thursday eight pages of reviews including David Piper on art, Sheridan Morley on showbiz, Christian Bonington on mountaineering, Tim Haad on humour, Roger Baker on wine and food, Ion Trewin on Encyclopaedia Britannica and Philippa Toomey on presentable paperbacks...

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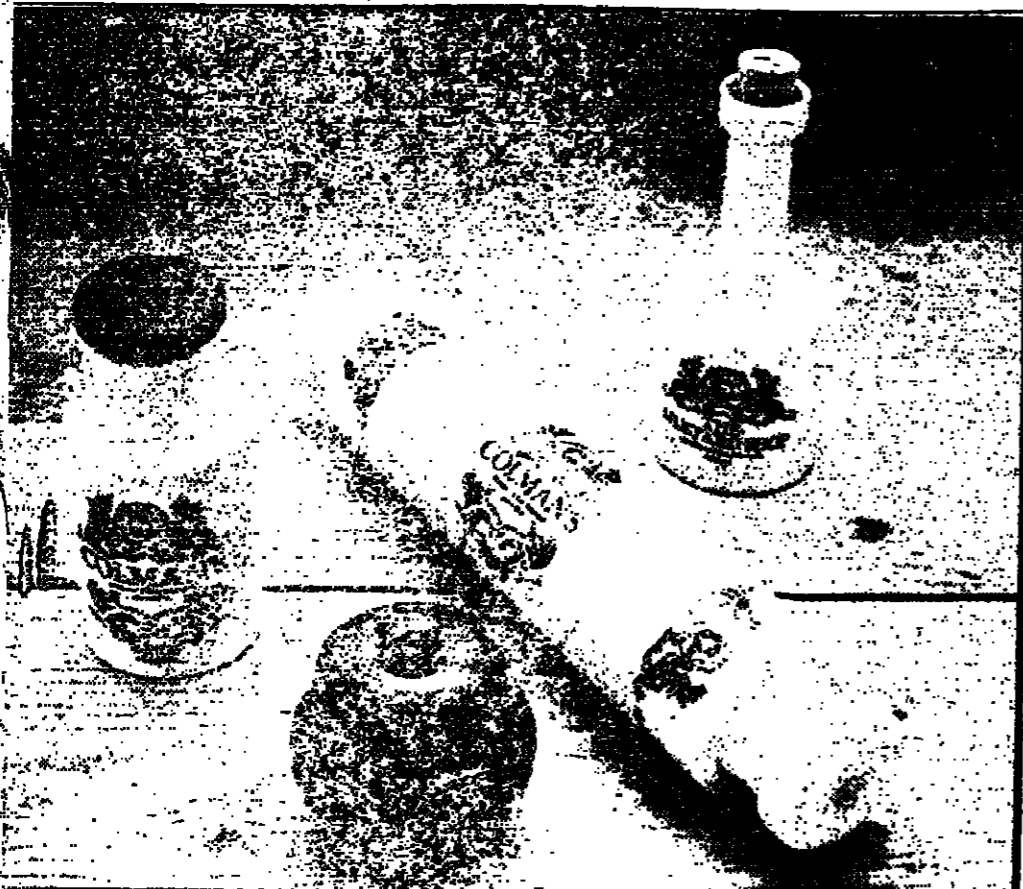
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'The most accomplished biographer of our day' This is how William Haley described Andrew Boyle in the Times when reviewing his biography of Brendan Bracken, the mysterious friend and lifelong confidant of Churchill. 'Poor Dear Brendan: The Quest for Brendan Bracken (Hutchinson, £5.25) met a critical accolade on publication. C.P. Snow found it 'so interesting that one was left wishing for more' and Lord Boothby in the Sunday Times thought it 'superb'; a view shared by the judges for this year's Whitbread prizes, who deemed it The Biography of the Year.



Shopping around

Sheila Black



Man's Mustard Shop, opened in Norwich last year to celebrate the brand's 150th birthday, is getting a mail order service into gear and preparing a catalogue which ought to be ready out a fortnight.

The mustard merchandise is really attractive. In the photograph is a kind of oil-whisk, in iron, with a dark brown top and a kind of Victorian design. The old English, French, Dijon, American-style, and cream salad mustards as well

as the famous old Savora mustard. Each holds 8 ounces and costs 75p. There is also a bag of bath mustard at 35p—decorated in green on a yellow ground. Aprons, linen or PVC coated, are £1.51 or £1.79 plus VAT (food products are zero-rated but these carry 8 per cent). A tea towel and a chopping board are 59p and 97p, while a dark blue mustard pot (shown here) is 72p plus VAT. The address is The Mustard Shop, 2 Brideswell Alley, Norwich, Norfolk. Telephone Norwich 27883.



Robert Jackson's News Sheet is ready. A broadsheet of gift lines, with large clear illustrations, it gives some good ideas for buying by post. Rather sweet are chocolate piglets with huge bows and toppers, or ladies' shoes also tied with a bow (respectively 45p and 55p). Jackson's own starred gift is Moutarde de Meaux, which my daughter uses for mixing in salad dressings that have made her salads famous. The mustard seeds and the subtly hot and spicy but creamy mustard are excellent on dressings and in many sauces as well as serving traditionally as mustard. Sold

whisky (90p plus 10p postage). The Crabtree and Evelyn jars, bottles and boxes are in a good many larger chemists, gift shops and fancy goods shops or department stores, but Jackson's sell them by mail. The bottle and label design are as fascinating as ever, so that these make very unusual gifts—the fragrances are so different that they intrigue. Harrods have a good display of these—honey water, elderflower water, and lavender water with a really old fashioned scent are £1.72 each. Nice for sprinkling or after-shave (find them in the men's department and give them to men or women). Harrods will also post, of course, but check postage costs which vary according to the parcel.

Hungary water is another Crabtree and Evelyn revival, now at most leading department stores. Invented by a fourteenth-century Hungarian queen, they tell me, who was still being proposed to when she was 76. This has the usual Crabtree and Evelyn refreshing qualities, plus an elusive fragrance which makes it either an eau de toilette or, for avant-garde men, an expensive aftershave. It costs £2.50 for a jar-shaped bottle, in a sort of cigar carton, and Jackson's will post it for an extra 24p. Elizabethan tubs of soap are £1.97 plus 29p. Galico sacks of soap are 75p plus 10p.

Jackson's broadsheet of gift ideas comes from the shop at 171 Piccadilly, London, W1 (please send a large sae), but personal shoppers will find it and plenty of tempting goodies there and at 6A/6B Sloane Street, London, SW1. For Crabtree and Evelyn's other stockists, write to them at 38 Savile Row, London, W1.

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Vegetables get star billing in my favourite seed catalogue by Thompson and Morgan because it is back to the land for anyone who has so much as a roof terrace. This year, the T and M catalogue has cooking hints by the Cradocks, interesting comments on the nutritional value of various vegetables and clear growing notes. There is a good section on shrubs and trees to grow from seed. Thompson and Morgan is at Crane Hall, London Road, Ipswich, Suffolk and they have unusual flowers as well as vegetables.

Amateur vegetable gardeners

and enthusiastic vegetable cooks who also want to preserve or pickle should be reminded of the excellent *Country Housewife's Handbook*, regularly updated by the West Kent Federation of Women's Institutes and a real encyclopedia of country lore with some unusual recipes. A good stocking filler, this. The new edition, alas, has gone up to 50p plus 12p postage but it still represents great value for would-be Mrs Beeton of the seventies. The address is West Kent Federation of WI, 84 College Road, Maidstone, Kent.

One of the most useful garden "tools" I have ever had, for indoors or outdoors, is the Carry-all. This is a flat sheet of hessian or polypropylene, 6 feet square, with a handle at each corner. Drop all the refuse on it, pick it up by the corners and dump the contents in compost or on a bonfire. It costs £3.35 or £2.20, with smaller sizes for indoors or smaller gardens, plastic covered, at £2.60 for 4 feet square. This, plus other useful smaller garden accessories and one or two household odds and ends, come in a handy catalogue from Carry House, 4 Uxbridge Street, London, W8.

World of Flowers, which does such a good mail order service for flowers, is doing cuttings for miniature orange trees; hibiscus; indoor-growing bay trees, etc.—£1.60, £1.50, and £1.80 respectively. Amaryllis bulbs and bougainvillea will also appear at £1.80 and £1.50 respectively. The bougainvillea rooted cutting comes with pot, soil and instructions, all prices include delivery, and last orders for Christmas must be in by December 15. The address for leaflets is World of Flowers, Garnick House, Cloos Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. Chinchurichens are £1.20 for 30 stems and reasonable at that price. Young house plants are £3 the pack of seven including aphelandra.

The Owl and the Pussycat (11 Flask Walk, Hampstead Village, London, NW3) and its associate shop, Where the Wild Things Are (9 Mortlake Terrace, Kew, Surrey) have their usual display of attractive toys. They sell by post (phone 01-435 5342 or 01-940 8223 for information). Among their toys is this Reeves land yacht kit at the pleasantly surprising price of 98p (15p postage). After building it, children love to experiment with it. Another experimental toy at 95p plus 15p comprises a number of magnets of different shapes, a delight to children and a change from the familiar horseshoe shape.

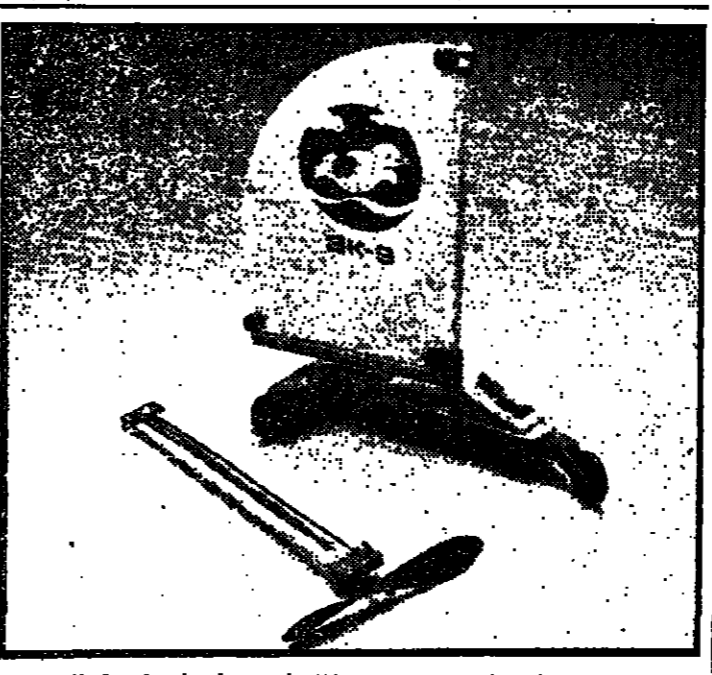
A bath Boat Kit, 98p again plus 15p, can be built by the really young and then becomes a bath-time experiment, being less a boat than a manoeuvrable floating device.

I like, too, Combits. A box of 20 blocks pack into the box. Angles and cubes combine to give bright colour and a large number of building combinations—a computer reckoned nearly 1,200,000 combinations but children do not use computers. Robust, elegant and of a tough plastic that looks and feels like coloured wood, Combits are £3.35 plus 40p.



If you are not sending Christmas cards, and thousands are not, you might like quaint postcards. A series featuring the original drawings of Randolph Caldecott are well reproduced and printed in those washed-out colours featuring, for the most part, nursery rhymes, extracts from old ballads and the like. Produced by Hunksydney Designs, 10 Ansdell Street, London, W8, who could help with stockists' names.

You can also buy them by mail in packets of 24 for 96p plus 10p postage from Owl and the Pussycat, 11 Flask Walk, Hampstead Village, London, NW3.



Two little plastic shapes hang on to a long string which can be hung from a picture rail. Pull the strings taut to make the shapes climb—based on a favourite Victorian toy, it costs £1.11 plus 10p. Tiny little teddies in pink and blue are wedged together, can be chewed screwed up and boiled clean—£1.70 plus 8p.

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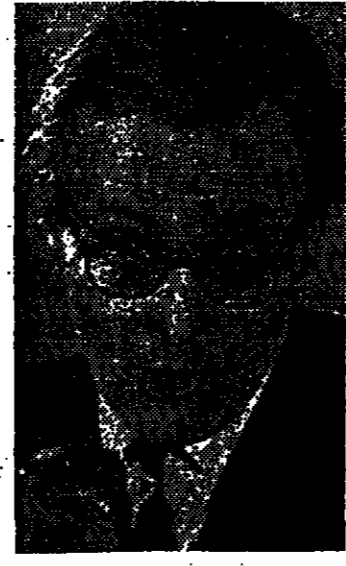
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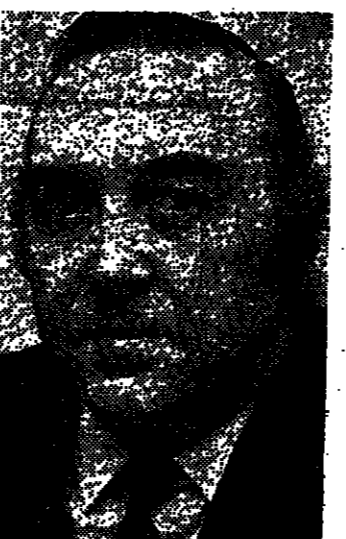
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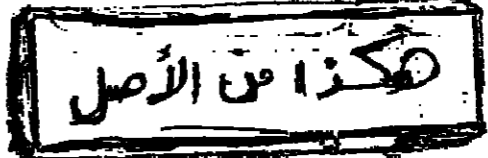
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FRANCE



May M Jacques Chirac became at the age of 42 one of the youngest Prime Ministers France has ever had, after a political career which began in 1967 as the trusted assistant of M Pompidou, and then Prime Minister. In the following seven years M Chirac (below) was a member of successive governments and distinguished himself by his energy, and his drive. After the election of M Giscard d'Estaing as President, to which he had made a valuable contribution by opposing M Delmas's candidature, he was given the challenging task of heading a new government of change and reform and of shaking a Gaullist party seriously shaken by the loss of its former monopoly of

the part of the French people. M Giscard d'Estaing benefited from a political dynamism peculiar to himself, that of representing change in continuity: change because he was always considered as on the verge of the traditional Gaullist majority; and continuity because his political career began in 1958, and he had belonged to almost all governments of the Fifth Republic.

He also appeared as the man who could most easily carry out this broadening of the new presidential majority. This was undoubtedly necessary to the extent that it was essential to bring together all Frenchmen who contested the choice of society represented by the common programme of the left.

Another kind of society

French history showed that every 15 or 18 years there was a change of regime. "This time we had the luck not to change the regime, to maintain the fundamental options which were ours, and this thanks to M Giscard d'Estaing. In this respect the present majority, Gaullist or non-Gaullist, owes him a great deal, for without him M Mitterrand would have been elected, and then it would have meant another kind of society."

It was not peculiar to Frenchmen that their permanent desire for change very quickly reached its limit. "This does not mean that it is not part of the mission of a government conscious of its responsibilities to carry out the necessary changes to adapt the structures of society to what are regarded as the choices necessary for the future, so that we find ourselves at present in a situation which in some respects is not easy and which consists in really carrying out this change, while a major part of the population is not so anxious to see it come about."

involve opposition on the very nature of Society, and the role of man in Society. "So we have initiated a policy of better relations with the opposition. The President has received personalities of the opposition and I have received the leaders of parliamentary groups of the opposition and will do so again. But the nature of the opposition makes these contacts difficult. It is not a reason not to have them. On the human plane and on that of cordiality, they have been very satisfactory. But as things stand, these contacts are not very productive. I hope we can improve them."

The Government had been in power five months, and the elation of the presidential elections had given way to a certain moroseness. I said: "It was natural, M Chirac replied, that the euphoria had ceased. It was bound up with the passing phenomenon of the elections. But also "we have entered a period of serious economic difficulties which provoke a certain public opinion, which explains a certain moroseness."

Call to mobilize public opinion. In September it was criticized for taking inadequate steps to check inflation and was called upon to mobilize public opinion by imposing greater sacrifices on the nation. "In October we are accused of acting without foresight and of sparking off unemployment. These criticisms are, as always, excessive. We have a tough task, of defending employment at the same time as we conduct a systematic policy of fighting inflation and restoring our balance of payments."

in wage inflation. This is entirely without foundation. Wage increases in the private sector have been at least as great if not higher than in the public sector.

On foreign policy, I asked M Chirac whether, contrary to what M Giscard d'Estaing had insisted, it was not possible to get the European Economic and Monetary Union going again in the context of the monetary crisis, and of the lack of coordination of anti-inflationary policies of member states. "It was difficult, he replied, but it was impossible to do otherwise. One wanted to create a united Europe. One should not have one's nose on the obstacle, but rather take a longer view. One should avoid reasoning like accountants, and reason like economists."

As for Britain and renegotiation, M Chirac said he had no comment to make on the results of the British elections, but he hoped that the new Government would succeed in the domestic field, because Britain was experiencing great difficulties, like all European countries; and in the international field, especially that of European unity. "But to the extent the British Government will persist in demanding a renegotiation of the Common Agricultural Policy demanded by Germany did not involve any change in the Government's attitude."

ternational prices, we should have earned an additional 3,000 million worth of units of account. If we draw up a balance-sheet of the advantages we have obtained in meat and milk, which are very modest, or through the Feoga (farm fund), they are nothing compared to what we have lost.

Hopes for domestic success. As for Britain and renegotiation, M Chirac said he had no comment to make on the results of the British elections, but he hoped that the new Government would succeed in the domestic field, because Britain was experiencing great difficulties, like all European countries; and in the international field, especially that of European unity.

The problem of British public opinion, where the CAP is concerned, must find a solution not in a modification of the mechanisms of agricultural policy, but of the information mechanisms of the British Government, for it is obvious that the CAP has been of benefit to Britain. The stocktaking by the Commission will make it appear so without a doubt.

"On the whole, taking all the Community mechanisms into account, Britain is undoubtedly a beneficiary of the CAP. It is therefore a bad quarrel, and I think the British Government should clearly inform public opinion of the truth of the matter; and should not keep up this permanent illusion that because it might have some impact on the price of lamb, the CAP is in itself something bad for British interests—which is wrong."

On the oil crisis, and the refusal of France to join the Group of Twelve set up in Washington last January, M Chirac said the Government had taken the stand that the solution of the oil problem was not to be found in a confrontation between oil consumers and oil-producing countries, but through an agreement and cooperation between the two.

The increase in oil prices is not an aberration. It is even, I would say, understandable, but it was too sudden, excessively rapid, and not sufficiently concerted. The system set up by the Group of Twelve—that is to say, by the Americans—seemed to the French Government dangerous in its consequences. That was why France had not wished to be associated with it. But she was ready to take part in any discussions which would make it possible to speak with the oil producers and other big consumers. Recently Shaikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian Minister for Oil, had put forward a suggestion for a meeting of producers and consumers, including India and Brazil, which was certainly positive. This is the type of procedure to which one should turn, much more than to aggressive ones. That is our feeling today. Naturally things can evolve; France is realistic and will adapt her policy to the evolutions of the situation."

The communists accused the Government of having abandoned the former policy of independence in its relations with the United States. Had this policy changed, I asked. The communists accused the Government of everything, Mr Chirac said, and the very excess of their criticism made it vain. "Relations between France and the United States have perhaps undergone some changes of form and not only because the type of diplomacy pursued by M Sauvagnargues is perhaps a bit different from the type favoured by M Jobert," he went on.

In substance, we are still true allies of the United States, but demanding with regard to our independence. There had been a "loosening up", to use the Foreign Minister's term, of relations with the United States, in matters of form, and this was desirable.

Although M Chirac does not like them, I ventured a personal question. I asked whether his experience of five months at the head of the Government had been an enriching experience, very different from that of specialized departments of state such as he had had before. "It is certainly an enriching and testing experience in the present political context on account of the difficulties arising from the trauma suffered by the biggest party of the government majoritarily after the presidential elections. That being so, I do not know whether this has changed my character. I do not know if this has soured it, and I am the last person to express a judgment on this point."

Charles Hargrove



In an exclusive interview, M Jacques Chirac said he was not sure it was a turning point in the political history of the Republic. "One should seek of a turning point whenever something happens," he said. "This would tend to demonstrate that history is a kind of permanent spiral. I am not sure it is a good image to qualify the evolution of a society."

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The Prime Minister admitted that the desire to maintain the present high level of employment limited the Government's room for manoeuvre over inflation. "It is true one cannot pursue a policy of restoring the balance of payments, with the restraints this involves in the field of credit, of the budget of prices, and therefore of industry, without its affecting employment. And the challenge we try to meet, in a country which never could tolerate unemployment, less than any other, is precisely to try to maintain an employment position which is acceptable, while pursuing the objectives we set ourselves: that is to say to achieve by mid-1975 a rise in prices comparable to our German neighbour's and at the end of the year a restoration of the balance of payments. "We appear to be progressing towards this goal. By the end of the year we shall have reduced the rise in prices to what was foreseen for this deadline. That is to say, a little over 1 per cent a month. And the trade balance for September was extremely positive, about half what we could have feared."

Drastic price controls

To the objection that the Government, in its struggle against inflation, seemed to prefer a policy of persuasion to one of controls, the Prime Minister replied that this was not at all the feeling of business and industry. Company taxes had been increased. Credit restrictions were very strict. The budget was balanced and its increase was lower than the expected gross domestic product next year, so that it did not create any additional inflationary pressures. Finally, a drastic policy of price controls had been introduced which would make itself felt in coming months. Although the unions howled when one mentioned it, the over-rapid increase in wages played an important part in present inflationary pressures. It did not spell any real advantage for the workers. It was therefore absolutely necessary—and this was more a matter for persuasion than compulsion—to ensure that wages did not continue to progress as fast as they did now. The anti-inflation tax was not, as the unions claimed, a brake on wage increases. In present circumstances, nothing prevents firms from granting unreasonable wage increases. At their congress in Lille, employers' representatives claimed that the Government had led the way



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public foreseen as economic match for Germany Maintaining a balancing act over oil

at the moment M Franco-German axis, would d'Estaing took be substituted for the new last May, European entente cordiale with a far-reaching Britain, dear to President Pompidou.

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President Giscard d'Estaing with Herr Helmut Schmidt in Paris last May.

parallel improvement with those countries of the EEC, Germany to the fore, which have closer transatlantic affinities than France. The problem of relations between Europe and the United States has not been solved, but France has agreed to shelve it.

Relations with its other European partners have improved also because France has given up its former categorical stand on what might be called theological aspects of European unity.

Theology never made Europe progress, because it imprisoned the Europeans in their own quarrels, instead of raising problems in new and contemporary terms", M Giscard d'Estaing said at his press conference.

The endless discussions about European Europe and European independence are regarded as no longer in season. In both form and content, the French Government's approach to European problems has undergone significant changes since M Giscard d'Estaing took office.

It was clear from the outset that there would be a French initiative on Europe at a summit which would meet in Paris before the end of the French six-month presidency of the Council of Ministers. But it was characteristic of M Giscard d'Estaing's new conception of European partnership that he did not wish this initiative to appear in any way a French, or for that matter a Franco-German, *fait accompli*, a plan drawn up by the Quai d'Orsay.

He wanted the agenda to grow out of informal contacts and discussions. That was the purpose of the summit dinner of September 14. The formula proved a success. At least Mr Wilson liked it and the Benelux countries did not feel that such meetings could lead to the smaller members of the Community being steamrollered by the three larger ones.

In content also, the French approach has changed. M Giscard d'Estaing's tentative proposals, first economic and financial, and more recently institutional and political, deserved a better welcome than they got from his European partners. They sprang from two basic considerations: to preserve the Community from further dislocation and take it a step forward by a series of concrete, practical measures, steering clear of the long catalogue of pious hopes produced by the Paris summit of 1972.

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so that their purchasing power on average was back where it had been in 1960, and then began—for the non-oil-producing countries—to fall back again from May this year.

But France has continued to benefit from living in this world, and its booming industries have obtained their inputs at the most favourable going prices on world commodity markets.

Since the oil crisis the problems have become urgent. France has been perhaps better prepared to make the necessary adaptations. This is not solely thanks to their being "the logical French"; as Europe's leading agricultural producer country they have one foot in the producer countries themselves, in contrast to the heavily industrial economies of Britain or Germany.

However, the quadrupling of oil prices, was just as much a brutal shock for the French economy as for those countries. M Sauvagnargues welcomed "a redistribution of the cards" but sternly warned the oil-producing countries at the United Nations that unilateral decisions could not ensure them lasting gains. He even went so far as to remark that France's policy must no longer be thought of "only in terms of dialogue and more than that of the US limited to confrontation".

When the French Cabinet on September 25, set a limit of 51,000m francs (about £4,500m) on its fuel imports for next year, the decision was thus not without irony from a country which for years had advocated assuring producer countries previously fixed revenues on which they could plan their economies.

M Jean Pierre Fourcade, the economics minister, explained in Washington that the Government must no longer reduce in fuel imports for next year, after an estimated 4 per cent achieved this year over 1973. The American reaction was to express delight, thinking that France was "returning round to their confrontation approach with the Arabs".

But French diplomacy saw it more modestly as only a means of entering into eventual negotiations with the oil-producing countries at least on a disadvantage: the difference remains that France accepts intellectually, unlike Dr Kissinger, the Arabs' basic argument that their oil price rises were a consequence of western countries' inflation, not a cause of it.

The French, moreover, realize that one country's fixing its import bill can have

only a very limited effect on oil producers' policies. A senior executive in the French oil industry remarked to me that whether France could stick to the figure would simply depend on how severe the winter proves to be.

M Michel d'Ornano, the Minister of Industry, has already indicated that Draconian restrictions will be needed if the Organization of Oil-producing Countries proceeds to indexing from January 1, as it threatened at Vienna. (It would mean an 8 per cent cutback, not 6 per cent.)

M Giscard d'Estaing's tripartite conference proposal is thus a major effort to remedy a grave political situation and to maintain France's "balancing Act" between the blocks of producer and consumer nations.

France will not cause difficulties for the international oil-sharing agency of the 12, the President said. Indeed, with its partners in the EEC inside, it seems clear that France can coolly reckon to benefit in the event of a major oil shortage for the West.

However, if the French scheme gets off the ground, it would bring two new factors into play; as each of the blocks will be equally represented, M Giscard d'Estaing reckons that the non-oil-producing developing countries' representatives will side with the industrialized nations.

However, he does hold out the possibility of admitting indexation, as the Shah of Iran has demanded, though not of course at the price levels the oil producers have suggested.

Everything will depend on whether leading Middle East producer nations like Saudi Arabia and Iran back the French scheme. The other EEC member nations, which have already endorsed a Euro-Arab dialogue, will be bound to go along if those two countries do.

alone, and French industrialists have also responded cautiously to those glimmering opportunities spotted for them in the desert by M Jobert. (The Compagnie Française des Pétroles has only signed a very modest agreement with Saudi Arabia, in place of the 800m tonnes of petrol supplied over 15 to 20 years last of last year, and at no specially favourable price.)

Like that of many other European countries, French diplomacy has begun to direct itself towards the new oil rich countries, Indonesia, Nigeria and Venezuela, for special cultivation. But the most striking expression of the reorientation of effort has been towards black Africa, particularly the former French colonies.

M Pierre Abelin, the Minister of Cooperation, has talked in diplomatic language of "refining" France's aid, but the task, as the French Cabinet decided last August, is really to achieve a higher productivity from Franco-African cooperation. Africa, the great "reserve continent" could play a role, the French reckon, in a new economic equilibrium, freeing Europe from much dependence on the Arabs.

As distinguished a personality in Franco-African relations as Senegal's President, M Léopold Sédar Senghor, recently declared that "the new form of pillage of the Third World" and he has twice seen President Giscard d'Estaing in Paris since May. Official study missions are now going to French-speaking African countries as a prelude to putting relations on a new footing.

French aid is not going to be cut to wretchedly poor countries like Upper Volta, where it provides 30 per cent of the national budget, but countries like the Congo, Gabon, Togo and Zaire, with resources which have now become attractive to exploit, can all expect that France will seek to put relations on a more businesslike basis. President Omar Bongo of Gabon has already told France there must be new negotiations for a 1975 price on its uranium.

Dahomey has just become the seventh former French African colony since January 1973 to announce that it wants to renegotiate its economic relations with Paris. In other words, France is finding that it will have to seek to apply just as much the new-style Concentration in Africa, for so long its own "backyard", as with the Arabs.

New resource diplomacy

Though the name "resource diplomacy" is new to the French an (often highly theoretical) analysis of world commodity market problems is relatively long standing. When M. Jean Sauvagnargues, the Foreign Minister, spoke at the United Nations General Assembly in September, he strove hard to avoid a "we told you so" tone after years of French delegations getting up at ineffectual international economic gatherings and speaking in favour of buffer stocks, international financing schemes and projects to guarantee developing primary producer countries their levels of income against brusque changes in the terms of trade.

It all remained pure theory and, French experts say, the countries producing raw materials saw the terms of trade progressively go against them throughout the 1960s, recover in the extraordinary years 1972 and 1973.

Modest Arab response

This brings up the crucial problem for France in its new resource-oriented diplomacy: that since M Jobert's journeys the Middle East countries have notably failed to play up to the openings France offered them. The big "framework agreements" offering industrial cooperation in return for assured petrol supplies so much talked of with Saudi Arabia and Iran are still only in the air. France has evidently been judged not a heavy enough partner



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by Charles Hargrove

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Finally, after an initial fall, the franc has recovered the position it held when it floated last January, which is comparable to that in 1963, and French reserves have remained at about the level of last January.

since 1968, and went up by this by the end of 1975. Domestic consumption has developed smoothly, without panic buying (except for heating appliances, blankets and woollens) and the level of savings remained until recently, remarkably high.

Exports have continued to expand over the past year by more than 12 per cent. The employment position, with only 21 per cent of the registered unemployed, is still, by comparison with West Germany or the United States, very satisfactory.

best Saturday of business in history). M. Giscard d'Estaing presented his candidature in this year's presidential elections. His opponents were quick to pick on social policy and labour relations as the main weakness in his political platform.

So the brunt of the "squeeze" last summer was brought to bear on firms in the form of tough credit restrictions, an increase in company tax of 10 per cent, reduction of the depreciation allowance and, especially, a highly controversial tax on interest, or anti-inflation tax, designed to prevent firms passing on the "unreasonable" wage increases and other costs to the consumer in the form of higher prices.

President leaves unions out of breath

by Michael Parrott

to the unions; and there was a feeling that M. Giscard had been given the chance to present his new policies.

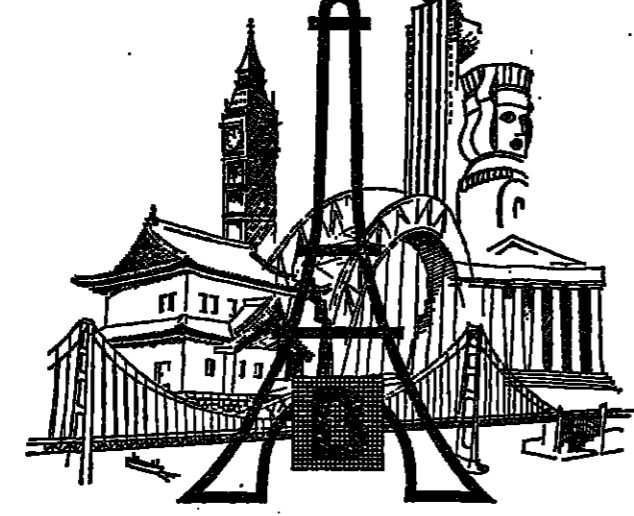
Yet for several months after M. Giscard's hairbreadth election victory, the French Labour movement remained remarkably quiet. The main criticisms of the new Government have come from the unions but from management far from abandoning Gaullist ideas on worker participation and the union-management dialogue initiated by M. Chaban-Delmas, M. Giscard has pushed further ahead at a pace which has disconcerted management and left the unions out of breath.

real success in its labour programme came last month when the French employers' association finally agreed to union demands that workers made redundant through the suppression of their jobs should receive unemployment benefits equivalent to their full wages for up to a year.

Unions and management are also negotiating the revision of a 1969 agreement over procedures to be adopted when companies dismiss employees. Not only do the unions want the agreement to be applied to individual workers as well as mass layoffs, but they are demanding more information, the right to make counter-proposals and arbitration committees. The unions' case is being examined by the court is examining the case, and sometimes they go so far as demanding

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Energy plans could inspire neighbours

When the Arabs stunned the world last year with their oil embargo, France seemed to be the one country which might emerge from the crisis unscathed. Thanks to de Gaulle's careful cultivation of the Arabs, France was classified, even with Britain, as a friendly nation entitled to almost normal supplies.

The country's elaborate system of market controls proved a useful bargaining card when the major oil companies might have been tempted to switch crude destined for France to other markets. And the French never suffered the economic slow-down, three-day weeks, carless Sundays and lengthy oil queues that became such a feature of last winter.

However, when the oil producers raised their prices for the second time in December, it suddenly became obvious that it was France, along with Japan and Italy, which would be the main long-term victims of the Middle East war.

With limited coal resources, declining gas reserves, insignificant hydro-electric and nuclear power and no oil of its own, France depends on imported oil, gas and coal for 75 per cent of its energy consumption. With imported oil accounting for 66 per cent of total French energy consumption, France saw a 1973 trade surplus of some £600m turned into a 1974 deficit of £2,000m.

The price increase came at the worst possible moment—after France had moved away from coal and before it was able to build up its nuclear energy. With only 1,400 million tons of known coal reserves compared with 286,000 million tons in Germany and 171,000 million in Britain, the French realized many years ago that coal offered no answer to the country's energy problems.

Farmers' threats win reform

by Richard Wigg

The story is told—it is a true one—of a young Parisian, disillusioned by the outcome of the events of May-June, 1968, who decided to make a total break with industrial civilization and work simply on the land. The job he eventually got was on a highly modernized farm producing veal and chicken on quasi-industrial productivity lines.

The anecdote serves to show more than the ignorance of many city dwellers about the advances of French agriculture since the Second World War. It conveys the extreme diversity of French farming—big, almost industrial scale at one end and nineteenth-century bare subsistence living at the other.

This is reflected in striking income inequalities. In the Paris agricultural basin the annual income of an agricultural worker on a 20 to 40 hectare farm averages 34,000 francs, but this goes up to 69,000 francs on farms over 100 hectares. However, according to a survey by the National Institute of Statistics, in backward agricultural regions like Limousin and parts of Brittany, the smallholders obtain a revenue of only 11,000 francs per worker (usually themselves).

France has become an industrial country with a strong agriculture. But, contrary to what has happened in the United States, the human structure of its farming still lingers in the past. When the 1970 census was taken 53.6 per cent of farm owners were over 50 years of age. The figures have come down. In 1963 the farming community represented 19 per cent of the active population. Last year it was only 17.7 per cent.

After the battle over the additional 5 per cent price increase for EEC farmers and the German veto, settled last month with the promise of a stocktaking of the Common Agricultural Policy, there are signs that the French farming world realizes the end of an era is approaching.



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The present financial policies do not go on. But the farmers, as a result today's inflation and input prices, are in serious difficulty are often heavily indebted. However, the farmers have made it clear they will adamantly French farms on Am lines, and they are leading of substantial reorganizations of the younger French people for this.

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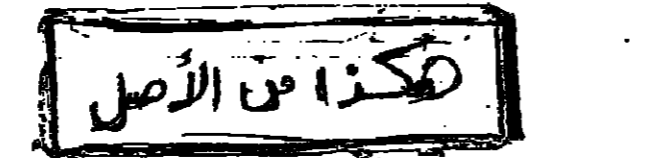


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Arms: a question of success versus conscience

by John Ardagh

France's arms industry is so large, and so successful in its exports, that some French officials seem quite embarrassed and try to play it down. "It is not true that we are aggravating an arms race", I was told at the exports branch of the Defence Ministry. "We are not mere marchands de canons, and in fact France produces only 3 per cent of the world's armaments—as a share of gross national product, that is less than Sweden or Yugoslavia."

Whether or not this is so, it is inevitable that the French are caught between such problems of conscience and the desire, especially strong since the oil crisis, to help their trade balance and employment position by selling as much as possible. This dilemma colours the outlook of an industry that employs 270,000 people, or one French worker in 19.

Seeing that France, unlike Britain, ended the Second World War with its arms industry at a low ebb, its achievement in rebuilding it has been one of the many remarkable aspects of the postwar economic miracle. It has been due to a dynamic centralized state policy aided by the brilliance and enterprise of a few private firms, notably M Marcel Dassault's aircraft firm.

The foremost aim has been the political and strategic one of making France self-sufficient in defence, and this has been virtually achieved; apart from one or two imported components and licences, France equips its armed forces itself, either alone or in co-production, and buys nothing.

France is now the world's third arms exporter, after the United States and Soviet Union. Exports account for

about half of total production and have been rising rapidly, from a mere 310m francs in 1956 to 3,300m in 1970 and more than 8,000m last year. One forecast for this year is 14,000m francs, or about a quarter of all France's exports of equipment. No wonder, in these days of economic crisis, that arms sales have become so vital.

The industry is organized thus: about 20 per cent of all armaments are made by the industrial branch of the defence Ministry, 50 per cent by private firms and 30 per cent by state-owned firms operating on commercial lines.

The ministry's own output supplies most of the needs of the Army—tanks, munitions and so on—as well as warships, while aircraft and missiles are made solely by outside firms. Dassault, for instance, has almost a monopoly of fighters and bombers, while helicopters are made exclusively by the state aerospace giant, SNIA (Société Nationale Industrielle Aérospatiale), which is responsible also for the Concorde and the Airbus.

Besides Dassault the main private firms are Matra and Thomson-Houston (both for missiles) and Panhard (machine-guns and armoured vehicles).

European countries account for about half the market, and these include even a Warsaw Pact nation, Romania, which gets unarmed helicopters. The rest of the market and an expanding part is in Asia, Latin America and so on, and in many cases this raises the delicate issue of embargoes. Since early in General de Gaulle's reign the

Hue of French policy has been to allow a country to buy arms for its sovereign defence but not for anti-guerilla operations.

Thus, South Africa has been sold submarines, fighter aircraft and missiles but denied helicopters and armoured vehicles. All sales to Chile were stopped on the late President Pompidou's orders after the *pusch* last year. Sometimes arms are also embargoed if a country is caught reselling; helicopters once bought by Liechtenstein for its police force later turned up with the Portuguese Army in Angola, after which the principality found itself on the black list.

As many as 70 countries are under some kind of partial embargo, but each request is studied on its merits and there are plenty of loopholes. Some French officials will admit to private arms sales that are morally defensible, but they tend to use the old argument of "well if we didn't sell, someone else would".

This kind of casuistry seems to have worried M Giscard d'Estaing, who, even as Minister of Finance showed himself more reticent about such sales than some of his Gaullist colleagues. In his election campaign in May he urged that France should reduce its emphasis on arms exports, and in June he declared as President that France would not sell arms that might obstruct its diplomatic policy of supporting "the cause of liberty and the right of peoples to self-determination". So everyone expected a tightening of embargoes.

However, this has not yet happened. In fact, I learn from reliable sources that in recent months the President has been led to modify his plans for stricter embargoes. The suggested reasons are: his anxiety over France's mounting trade deficits; his worry lest France should fall behind its competitors in so crucial an area of technology, and pressure from his economic and military advisers on both these points.

In the case of Greece, luckily for M Giscard, the big arms contracts prepared under M Pompidou, and signed in May need no longer trouble his conscience now that the colonels are gone. But, significantly, the embargo on sales to Israel and its Arab neighbours has been a joint decision early next

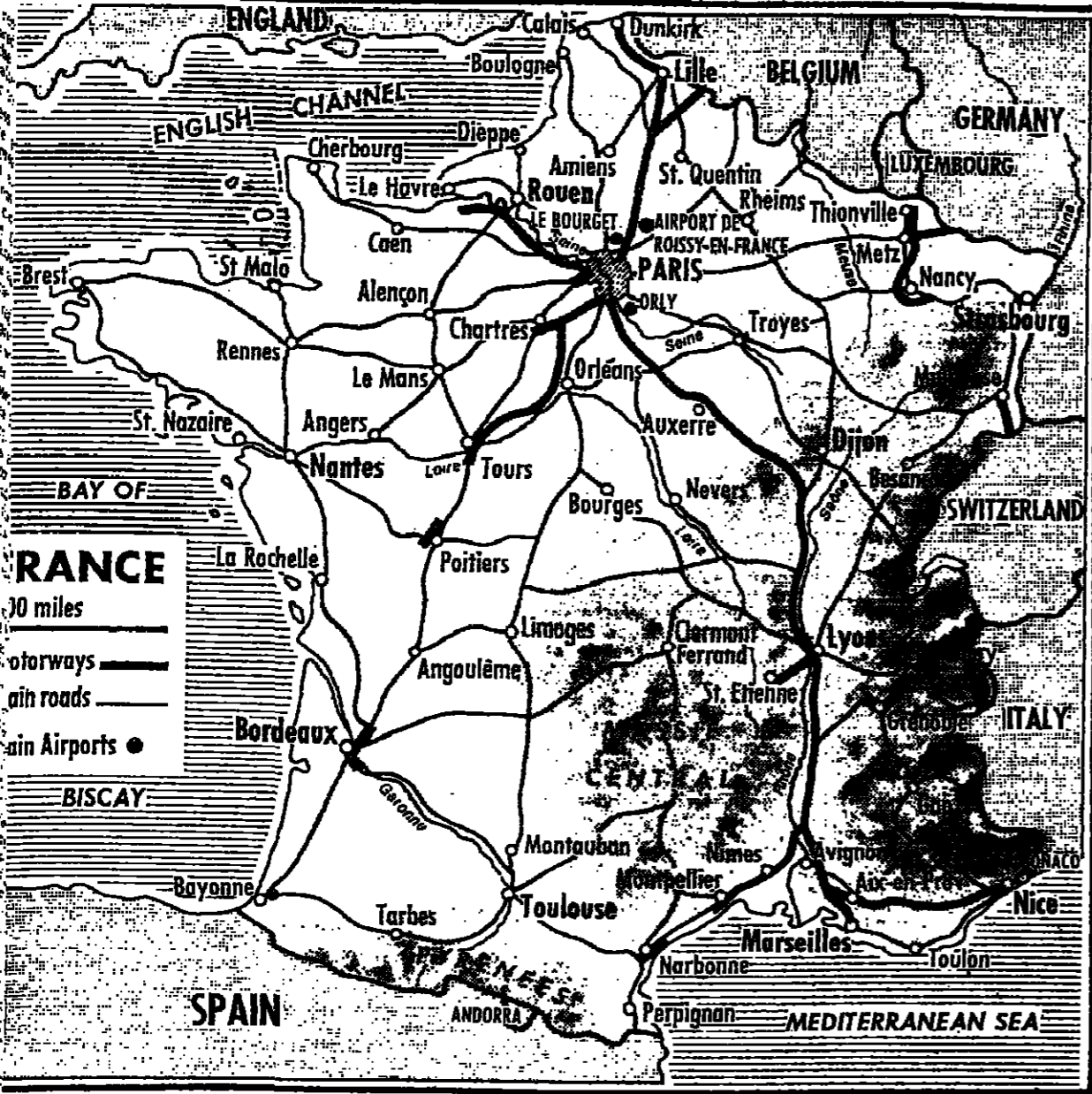
year on whether to replace their Starfighters with one of two new American aircraft or with the French candidate, the F1 M53 (an existing Mirage F1 with a new M53 engine). Described as the arms deal of the century, the contract will be worth initially at least £1,600m.

Officially, the French are confident that they will win, but it seems unlikely that they will, since only Belgium is believed to favour the F1 M53. If the Americans get the contract it will be argued that one factor was that they, and not the French, are members of Nato.

If these nations reject the F1 M53, will France be able to find enough orders elsewhere abroad to make the aircraft a sound economic proposition for its own air force? And if it decides to subsidize the F1 M53 for prestige reasons will it also be able to afford its other expensive new project now in the prototype phase, Dassault's twin-engine bomber known as the Avion Combat Futur (ACF), of which the French Air Force wants to order 200? Will not one or other finally have to be postponed or cancelled? This is the subject of much heart-searching in Paris.

The issue underlines the hazards of an arms policy that has shown brilliant results but remains basically vulnerable. Until now France has been able to equip its armed forces with the finest modern weapons by spreading the cost through export sales (at least in the non-nuclear field). It has managed this without sacrifice or its cherished politico-strategic independence.

However, production costs are now rising so fast that it may soon face a sterner choice: to foot a much larger bill for the armed forces, or to sacrifice a degree of independence through closer collaboration with Nato, or to sacrifice a degree of conscience through a bolder sales drive in countries that may want arms more than they deserve them. The realist now in the Elysée sees clearly the choices before him.



Communications: a brake on planning in answer to austerity call

Mr Hadji-Ristic, Minister Giscard d'Estaing's spokesman, says the national austerity plan is still uncertain. The roads programme is expected to be particularly hard hit, however, largely because of the massive rise in the cost of raw materials. Perhaps not as vulnerable as some other projects will be the motorway development programme, which last year was envisaged as trebling the country's internal motorway network from the present 1,400 miles to 4,800 by the end of the decade.

In the next five years the motorway system will link Paris with Germany via Rheims, Paris with Italy via Marsailles, and Lyons and Grenoble with Geneva and Chamonix. The importance of this programme is that, apart from serving the aim of regional development, it has the political objective of furthering European unity and complements schemes in progress in other countries.

However, with the 60 or so airline companies facing hard times, officials see little further infrastructure development over the next five years, that is, apart from the opening of the new Satolas airport in the fast-growing Rhône-Alpes region, which is expected to draw traffic away from the overcrowded Geneva airport. It is also inevitable that the number of air services between the 70 or so French cities with daily domestic flights will be reduced

because of the airlines' difficulties. The worst hit has been Air-Inter, the largest domestic carrier. Last month it made an urgent appeal for £4.5m more government money to save it from bankruptcy. Air-Inter announced that it would no longer operate flights from Paris to Lille, Belfort and La Rochelle.

The main beneficiary in this situation will be the French railways. The increase in the cost of air travel, together with the big increases in the cost of road building, will reinforce the arguments for further substantial spending on reequipment and electrification of railway lines as well as the building of new lines for high-speed electric trains. These will offer an effective alternative to air transport. For example, it is planned to build by 1980 a new line from Paris to Lyons, by-passing Dijon, which will cut this journey to two hours. The same train will travel from Paris to Marsailles in five hours.

While there can be little question that the energy crisis reinforces the need for further development of the railways, it raises a number of questions about the future of the turbotrain, which has been under development for some time. The advantage of this train is that, using a modified gas turbine, it can operate fast services on non-electrified lines, which now represent some 74 per cent of the total network. Turbotrains are already operating on the Paris, Caen-Cherbourg line and the line from Lyons, Strasbourg and Bordeaux. However, because of the big increases in the cost of fuel, the question is whether more money should be spent on electrification.

An important influence on the development of the regions will be the completion of the port development programme. Most of these projects are well on the way to completion and have high priority in public spending. The most important of them is the gigantic St-Nazaire port project, where some \$2,500m of public and private money is being invested.

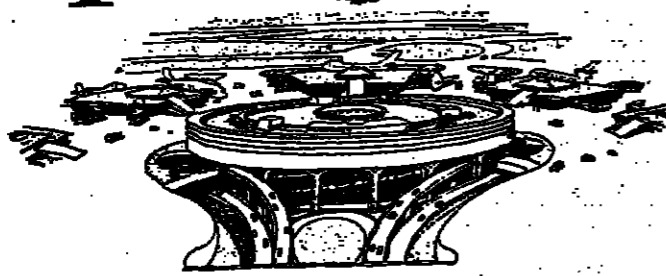
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Scheme will bring revenue

An added factor in favour of the scheme is that it will generate revenue, since it is proposed that all new motorways will be toll roads, with the motorist charged about 10 centimes and lorries 25 centimes a kilometre to use them. Extensive alterations are more likely in the costly

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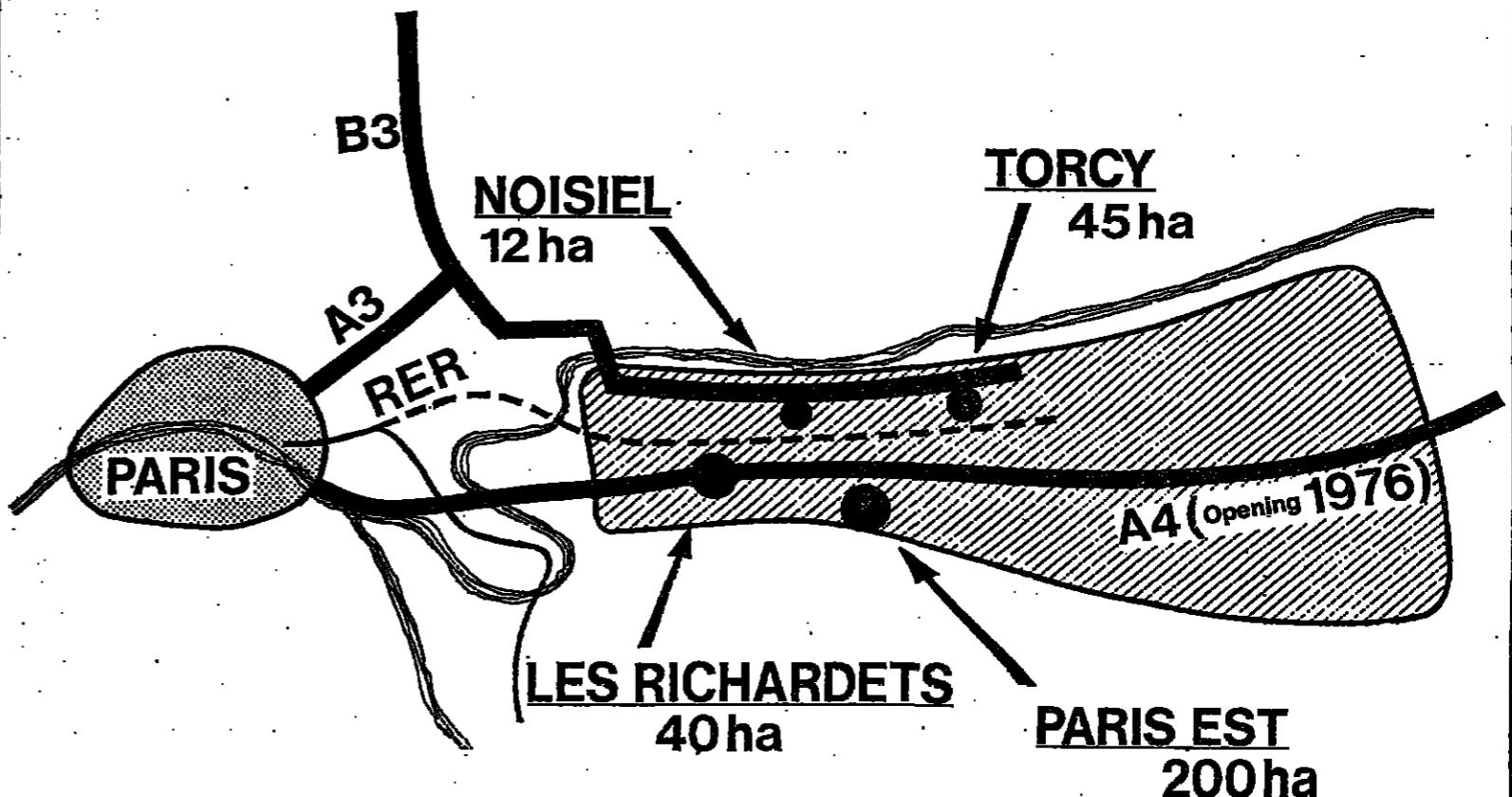
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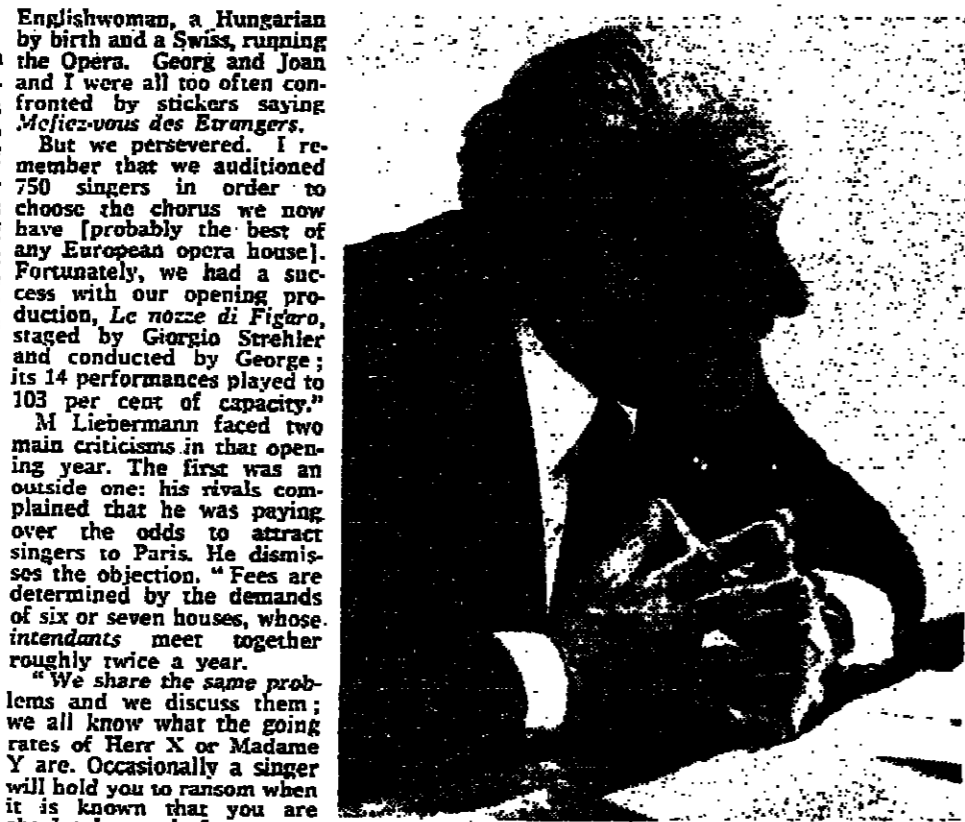
M Liebermann faced two main criticisms in that opening year. The first was an outside one: his rivals complained that he was paying over the odds to attract singers to Paris. He dismisses the objection. "Fees are determined by the demands of six or seven houses, whose *intendants* meet together roughly twice a year.

"We share the same problems and we discuss them; there are no soloists; we all know what the going rates of Herr X or Madame Y are. Occasionally a singer will hold you to ransom when it is known that you are absolutely stuck for a part—it's happening now as we speak."

Sometimes you accept it and remember it. There is a great deal of exaggeration over the importance of star fees: here at the Opéra 82 per cent of my budget goes in wages and salaries and of this less than 1 per cent is for the *vedettes*. On these figures is it really worth running the risk of emptying the house with a second-rate performer?"

The other objection is that Rolf Liebermann has changed from being an innovator at Hamburg, his previous house, to a conservative in Paris. "The situations are totally different. In Hamburg I inherited from Rennert and Litzjens a repertory of 45 operas of which probably three were of a high level, so of course I could commission new works.

"One of the first things I



did was to get Henze to write *Der Prinz von Hornburg*. Here I start with nothing and my prime job is to give Paris its basic works: five Mozarts, say 10 or 11 Verdi, six or seven Wagner and some Puccini.

And we have to re-assess the French repertory. I want to rethink the masterpieces, some of which have never been seen here because they were traditionally the property of the Opéra-Comique, in exactly the same way that Wisland brought a new approach to Wagner in the 1950s and 1960s.

Patrice Chereau has done this with *Hoffmann* and I'm hoping for an equally inventive *Carmina* in 1977. Next season as you know, we open with *Samson et Dalila*."

M Liebermann has based his opera policy on what he calls *ensemble singing*. The principle is to bring together an orchestra and a group of singers, keeping them as stable as possible for a run of performances and sometimes for the revival of the following season as well.

It does not always work: on occasions there have been double and even triple casts. But M Liebermann believes that this is the way to obtain the highest standards, with the peak probably coming on the seventh or eighth night, even though it allows visitors only two operas a week at most.

It also avoids the necessity of having a permanent company. Apart from the chorus, M Liebermann reserves himself to a nucleus of 12 young singers whom he uses both as understudies and for the



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Books discount gamble proves sales success

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per cent discount on this is at once a challenge and a revolutionizing publishing and bookselling in France. The challenge has been thrown down by the National Association of Book Purchasing (ANAF) in large stores which have been selling photographic equipment, domestic

appliances, records, sports equipment, and other goods at a discount for 20 years.

Last March, it inaugurated a new line of books, in a department covering more than 1,000 sq metres in its most recently opened store in the rue de Rennes near Saint-Germain-des-Prés. This is the second largest bookshop in France and, in line with policy in other departments, books are being sold at 20 per cent below publishers' recommended prices.

This represents a challenge to the traditional booksellers who are still selling at recommended prices in 25,000 outlets in France, 1,000 of which are bookshops in the strict sense. In principle, retailers are free to sell at lower prices. In the past, large stores have offered books for sale at greatly reduced prices, up to 30 per cent or even 40 per cent off. However, such practices were exceptional, to attract customers for other products.

FNAC, on the other hand, is selling all its books without exception at a 20 per cent discount as soon as they are published.

They believe that all that will be achieved will be the extinction of part of modern literature without any real reduction in book prices.

Whether the FNAC experiment succeeds or fails, it will have provided a rude but salutary awakening for a sleepy profession, since the booksellers, having failed in their attempt to muzzle the FNAC ogre, have decided to strengthen their defences. Acting on the advice of marketing consultants, they have just launched a plan to reorganize their profession, to increase profitability, close shops which are too small and adopt new management methods.

In this respect, the emergence of FNAC will no doubt have beneficial effects on the trade. It remains to be seen whether or not the experiment will be profitable and, if so, whether it will have the harmful effects claimed by its detractors.

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On learning of FNAC's bookselling policy, the trade throughout France mobilized. They managed to win the publishers to their cause, but failed to convince the Government of the desirability of introducing a system of price maintenance, along the lines of that applied in Britain.

The FNAC bookshop opened on March 12. The trade watched and waited. Would it be a success with the public? Would it be a commercial success? The first of these questions has already been answered in the affirmative. Buyers have flocked to rue de Rennes, the sales staff have been run off their feet and stocks have run out on several occasions.

Turnover for the year has been forecast at 150,000 francs, but this will be doubled. Whereas FNAC had expected to sell 4,000 books a day, present sales are between 9,000 and 14,000 a day.

By the summer, the management were able to make an initial assessment. They were overwhelmed by the scale of their success, although the arrangements to combat shoplifting were not efficient enough, the premises were too small and there were shortcomings in the data-processing system. They closed shop during the August holiday period, reorganized and enlarged the premises.

Their success continued when they reopened and there could be better to come.

Following the example set by FNAC, several large stores, the Carrefour chain in particular, have launched into discount bookselling.

The final verdict, however, depends on the trading results. It is not enough to sell, one must also make profits and it is here that an element of doubt still remains. A 20 per cent discount leaves only a slender margin. The FNAC management are indignant at talk of losses, but they have yet to announce a profit. They say that it is still too early to draw conclusions. Nevertheless, M Max Théret, one of the FNAC founders, is categorical: "There will be a loss in 1974, as expected, but we shall return to profitability in 1975".

The booksellers who have always decried the FNAC experiment are still hoping that it will collapse. They are condemning it with all the usual arguments invoked by small traders against large stores while maintaining that they themselves fulfil an irreplaceable function as outlets for the works of new writers and works of research ignored by the large stores. They say that publishers will in time increase their prices, grant bigger discounts and discounts on discounts, which can be as much as 40 per cent of turnover, to large sales outlets.

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Income per share (in francs) Rhône-Poulenc S.A.	13.9	29.8	+114.7
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BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL TURNOVER
F.14,643 million

- Manufactured and sold in France 47%
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- Manufactured and sold abroad 26%

BREAKDOWN OF THE TURNOVER ABROAD
F.7,761 million

- Europe 57%
- America 27%
- Asia, Australasia 8%
- Africa 8%

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Closed shop for journalists

From Mr Eric Blott
Sir, Amid the fervour of agitated breast-beating and cymbal clanging on alleged censorship, may I commend your first leader's "The closed shop for journalists" (November 18) which was a welcome attempt at analysis of the present situation.

From Mrs R. C. Shaw
Sir, One person has not, so far, been mentioned in the correspondence about the proposed closed shop for journalists: the chap who buys the paper.

From Mr David Morgan
Sir, The General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists writes (November 16) of his National Executive Council's instruction to members "to impose sanctions in Newspaper Society offices."

From Mr Arthur Godfrey
Sir, As an active member of the National Union of Journalists for 25 years, I believe there are many members, like myself appalled at the trend of the events leading, on Saturday, to a strike being called off by NUJ members in the London area.

Land nationalization
From Professor R. R. Neill
Sir, The Government's plans for land nationalization, from involving local authorities in the financial burdens, foreseen by Professor Denman (November 6), would quickly bring them surplus.

Honey from road verges
From Mr Bethel Solomons
Sir, The naive letters on the subject of honey, recommending the planting of trees on road verges useful to bees, and the installation of medieval village beehives, avoid the main causes of the fall in honey production in this country.

PRIA not RSVP
From Lord Platt
Sir, In common with other members of the Houses of Parliament and, no doubt, other persons in public affairs, I receive almost every week a number of invitations to receptions and similar parties organized in support of some worthy cause; often one with which I have no particular connexion.

Compulsory seat belts
From Dr J. V. Grounds-Peace
Sir, I am as staunch a champion of the rights of the individual to preservation of his independence in our increasingly complex society as the next man. But society, too, must have its sponsors.

Visit of the Czech delegation

From Mr Winston S. Churchill, Conservative MP for Streatham
Sir, My Parliamentary colleague Mr W. T. Williams (November 19) in his capacity as Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, seeks to defend his group's decision to invite a so-called "Parliamentary" delegation from Czechoslovakia to visit Britain this week.

From Mr J. Josten
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From Mr T. H. Whittingham
Sir, I was deeply moved by Mr W. T. Williams' exposition of the principles that motivate the Inter-Parliamentary Union. When will they be inviting a delegation from the South African Parliament? I am Sir, Yours etc.

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Warmth
From Mr S. H. Chase
Sir, In regard to the meaning of the underclothes as suggested by Mrs Hawken (November 18) I would like to utter a word of warning.

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E UNFERTILE CRESCENT

s between Government industry were a problem for Conservative administration rapidly becoming clear same problem is under the effectiveness of the Government. Without to rake over old ashes or analyze the issue, the after Mr Heath created a Ministry of Trade and Industry, putting Mr John Davies, was an unhappy period of shall history. It was a of procrastination and rrors, not by any means Mr Davies's fault.

F, SUGAR AND BRUSSELS

versing his stand against market aids and by agreeing to support prices at home, Mr the Minister of Agriculture has achieved much more success for beef producers. As has for sugar refiners, calf slaughtering at five is usual level it is too late in 1976. But the beef prices which are to be in Cabinet today would stem the growing of slaughtering and a short-term confidence beef producers.

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way in which Mr Benn and Mr Shore handled the crisis of Court Line. The substantial point, however, is that in practice neither the Whitehall machine, nor the industrialists who must deal with it, are being given the impression of coherence and stability. In the case of Mr Foot the problem is that he, too, shows weakness and a positive eagerness to accept every claim of organized labour. It is not his views which matter, but his lack of administrative capacity. In the large scale it is a small point, but his department's attack on the management of the nationalized company, Rolls-Royce, for conceding wage increases in the face of industrial troubles, when the tactics of the situation had apparently been discussed beforehand, is not evidence of the sort of relationship with a Minister of the Crown which industrialists need and rightly expect.

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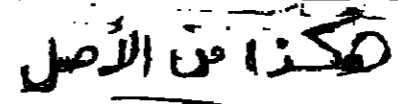
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Plunge by Swiss franc after return of penalties on foreign deposits

By Evelyn Westlake. A abrupt about-turn which has far-reaching consequences for the reputation of banking, the Government is to reimpose penalties on Swiss banks on October 31...

Repayment likely soon to Clarkson travellers

By David Leigh. Clarkson customers and other holidaymakers who lost money in the Court Line crash should get their money back before the end of the year...

Lloyd's alter income rules to meet inflation

By Peter Wainwright. Lloyd's of London has altered its qualifications for membership. From next April, members wanting to underwrite an annual premium income of more than £150,000 will have to put down higher deposits...

Threshold agreements push up earnings and hourly rates

By Tim Congdon. Earnings rose by 1.9 per cent in September from an August figure which has itself been revised upwards 0.2 per cent...

Table with columns: Hourly rates (July 31 1972=100), Average earnings (Jan 1970=100), % change over 3 months at annual rate. Rows include 1973 Oct, Nov, Dec, 1974 Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct.

Progress of Channel Tunnel bill intensified

By Derek Harris. Legal ramifications of the various Channel Tunnel agreements between the British and French Governments are leading to an intensified effort by the United Kingdom to push through the Channel Tunnel Bill...

Two of Nation Life committee resign

By John Plender. At night the tangled affairs of a failed Nation Life insurance company took a new turn...

Industry rejects CBI pay guidelines idea

By Malcolm Brown. Industrialists have rejected a suggestion that independent wage guidelines should be drawn up by the Confederation of British Industry...

Scrap deal by BSC confirmed

By Peter Hill. It has been confirmed by the British Steel Corporation that it has entered into special commercial arrangements with a number of scrap merchants...

Land & General to coopt directors

Directors of Land & General, the property group controlled by the Woolworths, have agreed to coopt three independent directors to the board...

Mr Simon rules out reflationary action despite evidence of sharp decline in output

From Frank Vogel Washington, Nov 20. The Ford Administration firmly refuses to consider reflationary action at this time, Mr William Simon, Treasury Secretary, said today...

Woolworth profits slip by 41 pc

By Financial Staff. After a 28 per cent setback in pre-tax profits at the interim stage, the third quarter total at F. W. Woolworth slipped by more than 41 per cent...

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Record profits - further potential

By J. H. Bradfield, Chairman, in his Review circulated to shareholders says that all sections of the Group continued to the record profits reported in the accounts for the weeks ended 29th June, 1974.

Slater bid for 'shell' company

Mr Jim Slater moved out of the takeover scene again yesterday with a new deal for Lubok, his gold mining investment company.

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements for Rises, Falls, Equities drifted easier, and THE POUND. Includes columns for various stocks and their prices.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Still no joy from Woolworth



Mr. J. D. Slater, chairman of Lublok Investments: A new bid.

third quarter of its year—the three months to end-October—F. W. at last achieved a net profit. This is a... increase in sales... the 19 per cent... the 1974-75 (1973-74)...

ceiving the greater benefit. The... application proposals... are relatively minimal in this context... Meanwhile, the bulk of the planned capital expenditure this year, trebled to £5m, will be in South Africa...

The United States is in the middle of both high inflation and a deepening recession. So far, however, the overall economic situation is not as grave as in many other countries.

Mr Ford stands firm against reflation

present difficulties is inflation and that in the long term the economy will regain health only when inflation has been brutally squashed.

The intransigence of the Administration against any form of stimulative measures at this time has become increasingly clear in the weeks since President Ford announced his economic programme on October 8.

The budget holds a particularly important place in the Administration's strategy. Roy Ash, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, has long argued that much of the present high inflation is due to years of budget deficits—some \$65,000 million in the past five years.

The gross national product has experienced negative growth for three consecutive quarters but the slump has very largely been confined to a few sectors, particularly the car industry and housing.

to a few sectors, is now becoming broadly based. On the inflation side there are new fears of big wage pushes. It thus seems certain that to crush inflation the Administration will have to accept a longer period of deep recession and high inflation than it had hoped for.

Frank Vogel

Plantation Hgds Riding the palm oil boom

The bear point for Plantation Holdings is that 65 per cent of last year's trading profits came from palm oil. The good news is that around half of that came from palm oil, one area that has so far bucked the downward trend.

John Folkes Hefo Engineering going strong

A heavily borrowed position in relation to net assets and stock market value is something that John Folkes Hefo is plainly going to have to live with for some time yet.

Dr E M Chossudovsky examines patterns of international commerce

Inflation as a threat to East-West trade

Two Geneva-based units of the United Nations system furnish periodically factual material on, and analyses of, trade relations among countries in different economic and social systems.

adjusted in the light of those prevailing in the world market. The report is likely to increase greatly both within the area and with third countries.

cooming five years or so of under new management such as Algeria, Iran, Iraq and Libya. The USSR increased its imports of crude oil from the developing countries (particularly from Iraq) from 7.8 million tons in 1972 to 13.2 million in 1973, but it expanded its exports in the same period.

ern countries during the period under review. Thus, France, the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom raised the level of import quotas and/or extended the list of goods exempt from licensing requirements.

and machinery and technological flows lead to... mutual links. Presumably with an eye to plans to implement a common EEC policy with respect to East-West trade negotiations in the near future, the report, with due diplomatic caution, observes that détente has helped the establishment of contacts between CMEA and the West...

Business Diary: Merchant Taylor • No balloting these rigs

stop unbundled trade credit leading to destructive competition between the developed nations. One of the thorniest problems facing the ECGD, however, is the ECCEP, which, acting on behalf of the Government, the ECGD owes the banks, but is unable to pay.

workers at Dyce, helicopter en route to and from work have had only limited success. Men Business Diary spoke to recently said they did not want to be "organized".

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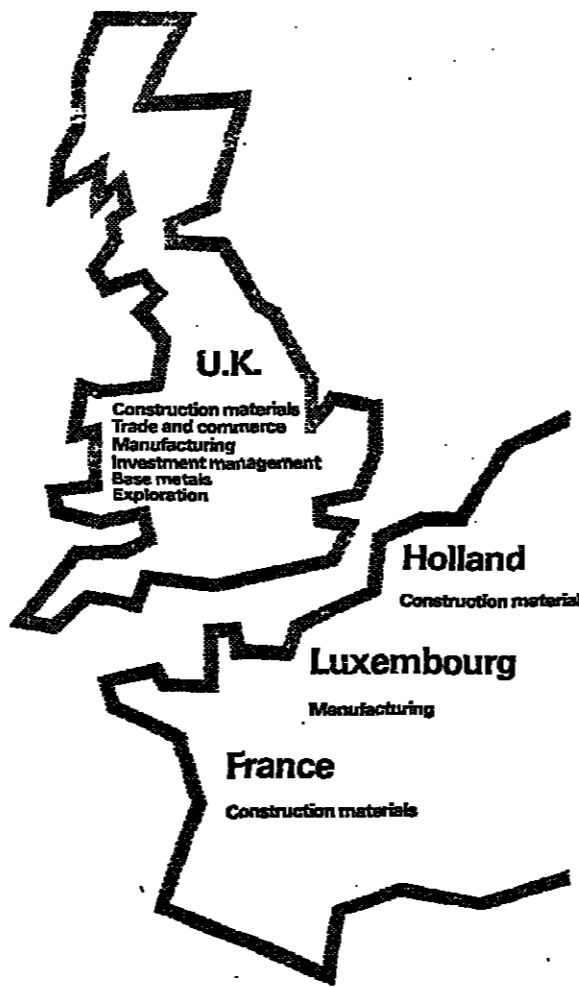
Advertisement for John Folkes Hefo Ltd. Includes a table with turnover and profit figures for 1974 and 1973. Turnover in 1974 was £2,840,000, up from £2,000,000 in 1973.

It had to come. The top prize in one Christmas raffle is £20,000. Next year it will probably be £20 of sugar or a turkey.

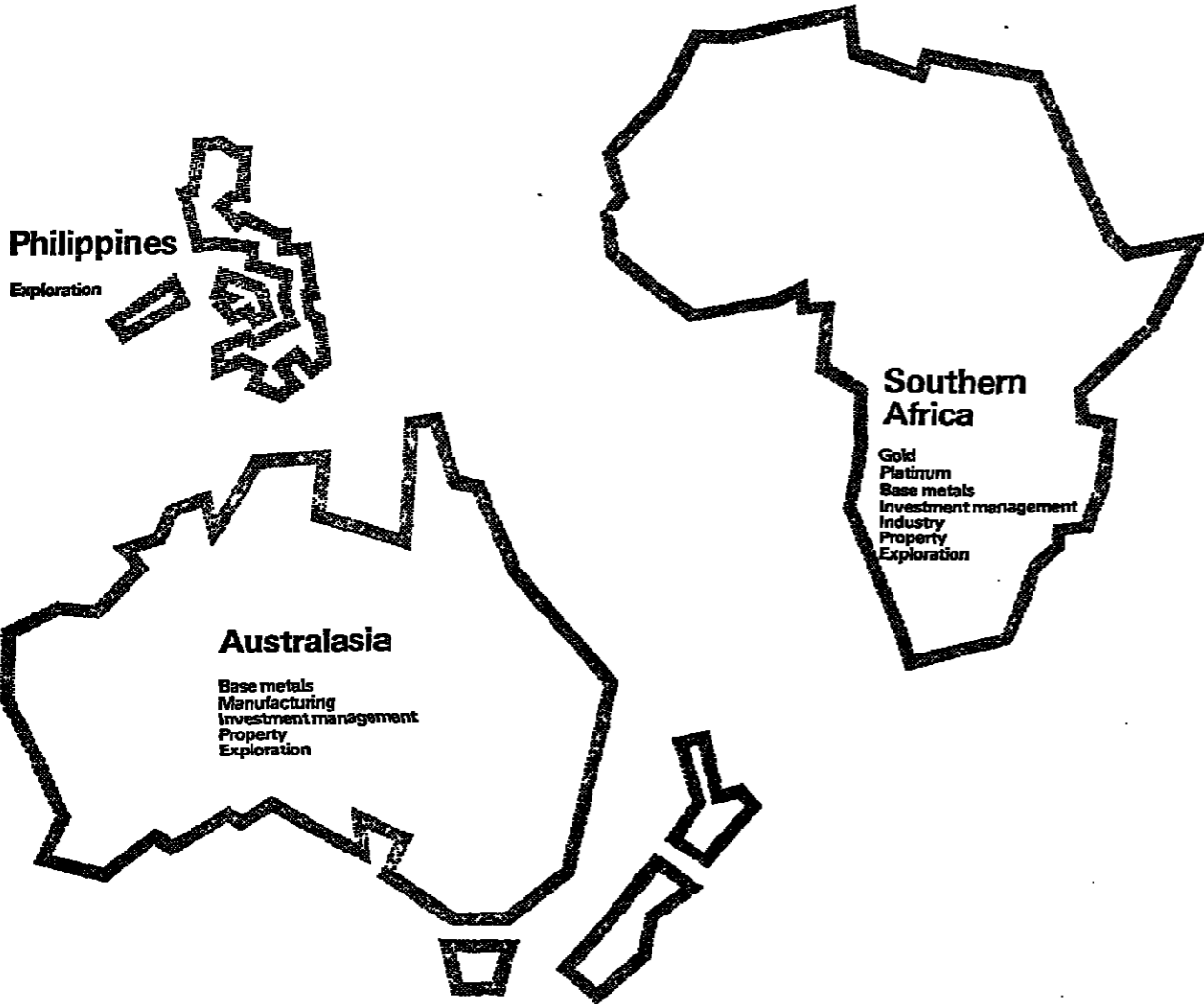
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Extracts from Mr. Donald McCall's Statement for 1974.

- Net income for the Group was 80 per cent higher than in 1973, at £34 million. This was due to improvements in most of the main sources of revenue.
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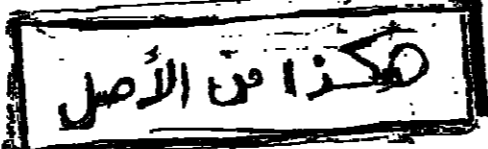


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YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE	1974	1973
Profit before taxation	£'000 66,239	£'000 34,886
Taxation	25,063	13,473
Net profit attributable to the members of the Company	34,479	19,043
Ordinary dividends per Ordinary share	32.07p	18.07p
Ordinary dividends cost to the Company per share—declared	5.94p	5.915p
—gross equivalent including related tax credit	8.2886p	7.875p
Shareholders' funds	153,500	122,800
Capital employed	297,200	239,200
Fixed assets	138,900	116,800
Net current assets	56,900	34,500
Total assets	686,000	536,000
Quoted investments (including interests in associated companies)	87,100	76,500
book value	364,600	296,100
Stock Exchange value		

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Ashbourne consider Court action over Armour Trust purchases

By Margaret Drummond
Ashbourne Investments is contemplating legal action over its purchase of a large stake in Armour Trust from a member of the consortium with which it has been involved in a bitter bid controversy for over a year.

Guarantee Trust on January 3 at 30p a share. Together with other market purchases some £333,000 was invested in Armour Trust shares between December 6 and June 28, upon which the group are now showing a paper loss of around £267,000.

be a Class Four transaction under Stock Exchange listing requirements, since two executive directors of CGT were also on the board of Ashbourne. It is unclear whether the Stock Exchange is contemplating taking action, but the Ashbourne board are currently consulting their legal advisers.

No slackening in expenditure at Johnson & Firth

Over the past year, the Johnson & Firth Brown special steel group has increased its capital expenditure from £3.6m to £6.1m bringing the total for the past four years to £20m. Mr Oliver Jessel, the chairman regards this as money well spent and the board is to continue this high level of expenditure.

Chamberlain to even up shortfall by end of year

By David Mott
On the face of it, halved mid-year profits of £295,000 pre-tax seems to represent a severe setback to Chamberlain Group, the London-based hydraulic and structural engineers.

Contrary to the normal pattern, the bulk of profits came in the first half last year—hence the present decline—but this time the normal cycle has been reversed.

LWT's best year with nearly £4m pre-tax

The preceding year marking the end of its teething troubles, London Weekend Television reports its best 12 months ever, with pre-tax profits for the year to July 28 well up from £3.1m to £3.96m on turnover raised from £18.4m to £19.2m.

Stock markets Heavy selling of gilt

The recovery in equities was checked yesterday by a fresh setback in the gilt edged market. Gold shares took a further plunge downwards after another round of selling from United States and continental sources, but rallied in late dealings.

Thos Locker still gaining pace

With overseas companies performing particularly creditably, Thomas Locker (Holdings), the Warrington-based screening and filtration engineers, are set fair after a fine opening spell to surpass last year's record £1.06m (up 18 per cent). On sales for the half-year to September 30 some 34 per cent better at £5.06m, pre-tax profit surged 74 per cent to £838,000 pre-tax. The "attributable" moved from £241,000 to £395,000.

Blyth, Greene going strong

Growth continues apace at Blyth, Greene, Jourdain (merchant bankers and general merchants), where the board expects to beat last year's pre-tax profit of £1.27m. Taxable profits for the first half are ahead from £505,000 to £623,000.

Mail-order curbs S & U

Reduction in profitability of the mail-order side has been chiefly responsible for an interim downturn at S & U Stores, with pre-tax profits reversed from £110,000 to £60,000. Cost economies set in train are expected to bring about a speedy improvement on this side. The interim dividend unchanged, waivers have been made by the directors.

Hay & Robertson

The board of Hay & Robertson intends to start paying arrears of the preference dividend and will probably propose a reorganization of the capital structure of the group. Sales for the year to May 31 increased from £512,000 to £576,000, and profits jumped from £6,000 to £35,000. The current year is proceeding reasonably well, but results for the second half could deteriorate.

A Areson (Holding)

Bringing his statement up to date, Mr Archy Areson, chairman of A. Areson (Holdings), the wooden office furniture specialist, refers to the effects of tax changes proposed in the Budget. If the group deducts the increase in value of stock and work-in-progress when calculating profits liable to Corporation Tax in the accounts, these would show tax reduced from £65,000 to £20,000. In consequence, deferred tax would increase from £341,000 to £386,000, thus giving a net saving of £45,000.

Brunning still hopeful

Though its pre-tax profits for the first half are down from £338,000 to £220,000, Brunning Group, the London-based advertising agency, is standing by the earlier prediction of a good full-time outcome. Turnover increased from £7.87m to £8.24m. The "net" fell from £162,000 to £105,000, while the interim dividend is 1.69p against 1.62p.

J. Billam

Another record year is in prospect at J. Billam the cutlers. After six months' trading, pre-tax profits have climbed from £76,000 to £141,000, leaving only £30,000 to provide in the second half to beat last year's record profit of £171,000. Earnings a share are 4.52p, against 2.77p, while the dividend is 1.09p, compared with 0.89p.

Porter Chadburn

Reflecting a particular improvement in the plastics and crane and hoist divisions, Porter Chadburn raised profits 44 per cent to £298,000 pre-tax in the half to July 4.

Leboff buys tilers

"Do-It-Yourself" group S. Leboff (Fobel) is acquiring Glovers (Tile Distributors), of Sutton Coldfield, for a total of some £200,000 in a mix of shares and cash. The consideration is £75,000 Leboff plus £80,000 cash.

Longbourne profit

A loss of £356,000 has been turned into a profit of £203,000 at the Longbourne Holdings tea estates company. After tax, the results show a profit of £151,000, against a loss of £367,000, and the board is raising the dividend from 4p to 5.02p. There is a transfer to reserves of £101,000, compared with a transfer from reserves of £412,500.

Ferguson cautious

The second half of Ferguson Industrial Holdings is usually better than the first, but this time this Cumbria builders' merchant, made public in March last year, considers it will do well just to repeat its interim performance.

Thames Television

Export turnover at Heenan Spark will treble in the current year, the annual meeting was

New bidder for Price sets poser for Abitibi

Another bidder emerge Price Co the Canadian group, yesterday, on the offer by Abitibi, expired the number of aances has not yet been closed). The new offer, from Consolidated-Bathurst subsidiary of Power Corp of Canada, and is \$2 a higher than Abitibi's at share. The offer is for four million shares (equal per cent of the equity) w open expiration date. Ad the company's 17 per cent est in Price, acquired in a exchange deal from the cited Newspapers Group would give CB a stake of 58 per cent of Price.

Latest dividends

Company	Ord div	Year ago	Puv date	Year's 1 total
Andersson's Rbr (10p) Int	0.74	0.71	31/12	—
Bilham (10p) Int	1.62	1.62	7/1	—
Brunning Group (25p) Int	1.69	1.62	7/1	—
Chamberlain Gp (25p) Int	0.5	0.81	—	—
Ferguson Inds (25p) Int	3.12	3.0	3/1	—
Gordon J.S. (25p) Int	0.74	0.71	17/12	—
Harcro Int (10p) Int	0.41	0.4	2/1	—
Thos Locker (5p) Int	0.26	0.2	2/1	—
Mansfield Brew (£1) Int	1.35	0.81	2/1	—
Palabora 3rd Int	9.56	35.05	—	14.78
P. Panto (10p) Int	1.04	1.0	8/1	—
Plantation Hldgs (10p) Int	1.16	1.0	17/12	—
Porter-Chadburn (20p) Int	1.49	1.5	2/1	—
Rakusen (10p) Int	0.49	0.49	—	0.49
L.D. & S. Rivlin (10p) Int	1.8	1.67	8/4	—
Shaw & Marvin (10p) Int	0.52	0.5	2/1	—
Stockholders Inv (50p) Fin	5.96	5.0	—	8.19
S & U Stores (15p) Int	1.87	0.87	9/4	—
Thames Inv (50p) Fin	1.49	1.37	15/1	3.53*
V. W. Wassall (5p) Int	0.81	0.82	—	—
W. Stores Inv (25p) Fin	1.04	0.93	—	1.36

* Adjusted for scrip. * Cons. * Including bonus.

Briefly

vision International, to buy Thames's overseas program and arrangements with television organizations.

STOCKHOLDERS INV T51
Last year net revenue (£378,000) with earnings (£5,44p) a share. Tax resources at October 31 (£48.8m).

GORDON JOHNSON-STEPE
Interim pre-tax (£129,000) after interest (£33,000). Earnings 1.95p a share.

BARTON TRANSPORT
Excluding surplus on sales, lost last term up from to £85,000 pre-tax. Wage and rising costs blamed.

HUTCHINSON
Nine months profits £ (150,000) pre-tax. Turnover (£4.4m).

RAKUSEN
Last term turnover £1.55m and pre-tax £102,000 (£8 Dividend 0.45p (all). Comp to acquire 45 per cent of Pasta venture for £85,000.

GORGE DOLAND
Turnover for six months 31, £1.18m (£1.1m). Net 1 profit £57,000 (£48,000). For year expected to exceed for 13 months.

BP CANADA
In light of retrospective changes proposed in Can held, company's profits for months to September 30, w reduced by \$2.9m.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Sugar price up £25 to a record £630

Blissless rise in London prices continued yesterday as sugar prices...

Commodities

London closed steady, rice 571.50, wheat 570.00, sugar 630.00, oil 57.00, gold 57.00...

MARK LANE: There was marked improvement in the London market yesterday...

World mine production fell in June: World mine production of tin concentrates in June fell...

Declining issues broadly outnumbered gains: Declining issues broadly outnumbered gains at 830 to 485...

New York, Nov 20: Wall Street stocks retreated again today on effects of the United States coal strike...

inevitably raises the question as to whether earlier gains...

Andrew Wilson: Mining exploration drilling in North West confirms the earlier and promising assay...

ink Base Rates: Bank of Canada has lowered its base rate to 11.5%...

New York silver up 10.80-11.50: New York, Nov 20: COMEX SILVER closed with gains...

The Times Share Indices

Table with columns: Index, Share, Price, Change. Includes FTSE 100, Industrial, etc.

A record of The Times Industrial Share Index in 1974...

Spot Position of Sterling

Table with columns: Market rate, Bid, Offer. Includes London, New York, etc.

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 108.74 on November 19...

Authorized Unit Trusts

Table with columns: Name, Bid, Offer, Yield. Lists various unit trusts.

Canadian Prices

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Lists Canadian market prices.

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New York, Nov 20: COMEX SILVER closed with gains...

Money Market Rates

Table with columns: Rate, Bid, Offer. Lists money market rates.

Forward Levels

Table with columns: Term, Bid, Offer. Lists forward exchange rates.

Recent Issues

Table with columns: Issue, Price, Yield. Lists recent bond issues.

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Table with columns: Fund Name, Bid, Offer, Yield. Lists insurance funds.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table with columns: Fund Name, Bid, Offer, Yield. Lists authorized units and funds.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar's recovery in Europe gathered pace yesterday, ranging up to 4.5 per cent in terms of a net exchange swing against the Swiss franc...

The Swiss Government's announcement of an annual 12 per cent negative interest charge on non-resident franc deposits resulted in highly confused currency dealings...

The United States unit advanced to 2.6400-75 against the Swiss unit by the close, recovering from 2.6400-75 overnight...

month after the Swiss authorities lifted the anti-inflation regulation on non-resident deposits on October 21.

There has been increasing speculation outside Switzerland that short-term Arab oil deposits had been diverted into the Swiss franc and also the mark...

The Bundesbank vice-president, Herr Oskar Emminger, said in Paris yesterday that a psychological factor behind recent currency movements was the Middle East crisis...

Turning over was very small throughout, many banks appearing content to sit on the positions they had established for the regular mid-month make-up.

Market men insisted that the surplus would have been greater had the foreign exchange settlement.

Gold fell \$5.50 an ounce, to \$180.

Discount market

Day-to-day credit was in reasonably free supply yesterday and the Bank of England "mopped up" a small surplus by selling Treasury bills directly to the discount market.

First bids came in the range of 9 per cent or 8 1/2 per cent, but they were room moving upward after an anxious patch around mid-month when they jacked up from about 7 per cent to 8 1/2 per cent or 9 per cent.

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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing various authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with columns for name, bid, offer, and yield.

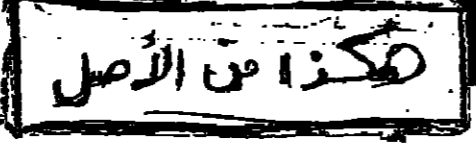


Stock Exchange Prices Fresh setback in gits

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Nov 11. Dealings End Nov 22. \$ Contango Day, Nov 25. Settlement Day, Dec 3.

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Main table containing stock prices for various sectors including British Funds, Commercial and Industrial, Local Authorities, Foreign Stocks, Dollar Stocks, Banks and Discounts, Breweries and Distilleries, and Mines. Includes columns for company names, prices, and changes.



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Secretarial and General Appointments also on page 26

British Waterways Board PERSONAL SECRETARY to Solicitor

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SHelter Field DEPARTMENT requires Secretaries

MATURE SECRETARIES WEST END

James Cook University of North Queensland TECHNICAL OFFICER SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

AUDIO SECRETARY required by SALES DIRECTOR

University of Leicester DEPARTMENT OF GENETICS

TOP MAN OF prestigious company in Bangalore, Bangalore, requires Assistant/Secretary

University of Durham Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Education

PA/SECRETARY required for City office of Australian migration



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KISH ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY RAL MANAGEMENT ANKARA/TURKEY. out of total 48 Boiler feed pumps, circulating water pumps and isate pumps shall be purchased for the 4 x 300 MW AFSIN-AN Thermal Power Plant. Companies who wish to bid, must have supplied and provided the engineering, manufacture, erection and/or erection supervision services of at least three installations in the similar characteristics and put them into operation successfully. Bidders are required to submit the documents with their bid which certifies that they have enough experience to perform this work. Bids will have been received until 15.00 hours on February 11th, 1975 at the below address. Bidders can obtain the bid documents from the following address from the date of November 21st, 1974 against 1,000 Tl per set: TURKIYE ELEKTRIK KURUMU, Santralrai Dairosi Beskanlioi, Necatibey Caddesi No. 3 Maro Han. Kat: 5 Yonisehir/ANKARA. Turkish Electricity Authority is not subject to law No. 2480. KIYE ELEKTRIK KURUMU

APPOINTMENTS VACANT also on page 23. UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS University of Nairobi—Kenya. Applications are invited for the following posts in the Department of Animal Production: 1. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR. A Ph.D. in either Animal Nutrition or Animal Production and a minimum of 10 years' experience in the field of Animal Nutrition or Animal Production. 2. SENIOR LECTURER. A Ph.D. in either Animal Nutrition or Animal Production and a minimum of 5 years' experience in the field of Animal Nutrition or Animal Production. 3. LECTURER IN ANIMAL BREEDING. Applications should be held by 12th December 1974. Applications should be sent to the Registrar, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya. Salary scales: Associate Professor, KES 5,500-7,500 p.a.; Senior Lecturer, KES 4,500-6,000 p.a.; Lecturer, KES 3,500-4,500 p.a. Further particulars and application forms available from the Registrar, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya. Applications close on 12th December 1974.

Public Notices. DRABYON MARY, Solicitor, 11, R. de La Basse, N.W.1, London. 1974. Registered Solicitor (No. 25,000). In the above-named case, the above-named firm, acting for the plaintiff, will be appearing on 10th December 1974.

Secretarial and General Appointments also on page 25

GENERAL RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT LONDON We are looking for a woman who can combine the duties of a Personnel Officer, Sales Executive and Organisation Consultant...

SALESLADY FOR WALLCOVERINGS Women (aged 25-40) with sound sales experience are invited to apply for an interesting and challenging position...

BOOK-KEEPER/OFFICE MANAGER £3,000 negotiable Substantial sales company requires experienced Book-keeper to maintain full set of accounts...

PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT £2,500 Personnel Assistant with good secretarial skills and specific recruitment experience to work with Personnel Director...

AJAX DATA PROCESSING LTD. Tired of commuting? Administrative Assistant able to take responsibility for small busy contract printers...

VIDAL SASSOON Due to our European expansion programme we require an attractive German speaking young lady as Head Receptionist...

LADY WARDEN, aged up to 30, required for residential post at young women's college, N.W. London. Previous experience not essential...

HOUSE SERVICES Managers to assist in the running of a rapidly expanding business. Salary £3000 per week. Please ring 485 405 further.

INTERVIEWER (24 to 30) required for well known specialist agency dealing with clients and creative advertising people (no secretarial). Ambitious and energetic lady with employment agency experience...

LIVING WIRE, interior, 16 to 20, for London. Friendly, creative, enthusiastic, with a good eye for detail and a good sense of style...

ANYONE DO ITALIAN AND ENGLISH SHORTHAND? Great job! Fleet Street and Strand. Excellent commercial experience. Ring 485 405.

On December 5th you can show you're the right man for finding the right man. On December 5th The Times is to publish its guide - FOCUS ON RECRUITMENT SERVICES...

SECRETARIAL LONDON BOROUGH OF BOUNSLAW PA/SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE A.P.A. £2,965-£3,307 including threshold payments...

SECRETARY/PA TO MANAGING DIRECTOR ADVERTISING KENSINGTON We are looking for a capable charming aged between 20-30, with impeccable shorthand/typing and experience of looking after top people...

SECRETARY for MANAGING DIRECTOR This is an opportunity for a mature Secretary able to work on her own initiative and with a minimum of supervision...

PERSONAL SECRETARY Over £1 required for partner in well-known firm of Chartered Surveyors to Aldwych district. Good shorthand and typing skills...

EXPERIENCED SECRETARY Urgently required for partner in Westminster firm of solicitors. Excellent opportunity for someone with initiative...

GRADUATE GIRLS Accountants We have positions of all levels. Accountants to these for fully qualified and experienced individuals...

CHAIRMAN LEVEL? Our clients are not just a group of companies. They are a group of people who are looking for a first class secretarial service...

SECRETARY/PA to Managing Director This is a new appointment for a mature Secretary with a minimum of supervision and a maximum of responsibility...

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PERSONAL ASSISTANT W.I. £2,200 + The Managing Director and his office staff need complete reorganisation and this provides a considerable challenge for the successful applicant...

SECRETARIAL P.A./SECRETARY FOR DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY A first-class Secretary is required for the Deputy Managing Director of a major publishing company...

EXPERIENCED SECRETARY/PA International organisation in medical/health care field requires intelligent personable young lady who is flexible and unflappable to assume key role in young friendly team...

DEPUTY HEADMISTRESS St. Mary's School, Wantage Applications are invited for appointment as Deputy Head and Senior Housemistress of this Independent Boarding School for Girls...

Red Cross PUBLIC RELATIONS Interesting and varied post helping the Red Cross in its public relations work. Salary £2,200 p.a. with excellent benefits...

SECRETARY/PA (£2,500 + TWO ANNUAL BONUSES) for Senior Partner (Litigation) of excellent City Co. Good conditions, variety and interesting work...

WINE, DINE AND EARN £1,800-£2,000 This super young company in 50/11 (near Victoria) is looking for a dynamic young lady to act as a sales and promotion officer...

BERMUDA Exceptional secretary required by prestigious hotel in Bermuda. Excellent salary and benefits. Immediate vacancy...

PERSONAL SECRETARY to Merchant for a well known Belgo-Gravisa wine importer. Excellent salary and benefits. Immediate vacancy...

GROUP THERAPY is prescribed for a happy and fun team of friendly secretaries. Excellent salary and benefits. Immediate vacancy...

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DIRECTORS' SECRETARY for E.C.2 consultancy office Two senior directors of a national consultancy firm, are seeking a personal secretary...

EXCLUSIVE RARE PARK LANE, MAYFAIR. Seasonal 6th floor 40ft drawing room with bay window, dressing room, study, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, WC, en-suite, etc. £300 p.w. STURGIS & SON 01-493 1401

LUXURY SERVICE APARTMENTS Short long term, furnished rooms in new block in Mayfair. Fully furnished and equipped. £250 p.w. GILLIANT & CO 01-586 2704

WATER GARDENS New 1/2 acre garden with swimming pool, tennis court, etc. £250 p.w. GILLIANT & CO 01-586 2704

SMART MATURE WOMAN required for small quiet office in W.C.2. Main work involves receiving interesting visitors, copy typing, etc. Salary around £2,000. Telephone: 01-405 9066

SITUATIONS WANTED DISEL 28, seeks interesting/challenging job in selling or advertising. £1,500 p.w. 120 Holland Park Ave

MISS WORLD We are an A.A./Secretary to work for our Director. You don't have to be beautiful, but you must have commercial experience and shorthand...

AUDIO SECRETARY £2,200 + L.V.s Working for chief executive dealing in consumer goods. Experience required for this exciting first class consultancy role.

P.A./SECRETARY Dynamic Architect seeks top quality secretary for contact and a taste for entertaining desirable. £2,300 neg. JAYCAR CAREERS 730 5148/9

MARKETING MAN'S SEC NO SHORTHAND Director of Marketing for Importation Victoria based Group has an exciting opportunity for a dynamic young lady...

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RENTALS UNFURNISHED Knightsbridge flat, garden square. No problem. £1,200 p.w. 01-493 1401

The Times Property Columns Today's market place - use it to find yours. Ring 01-837 3311

WANTED TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN ANY OF THESE CATEGORIES... MEMORIAL SERVICES... DEATHS... BIRTHS... CROSSWORD PUZZLE

PERSONAL COLUMNS ALSO ON PAGE 27

HAPPINESS IS VERY CONTAGIOUS... DIDN'T YOU KNOW? Then may we suggest a little experiment... ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICES... EVANS - A memorial service for the late Mr. Robert Evans... DEATHS... FISHER, CLARE DANIELA... HARRIS - On November 19th peacefully in hospital

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... CATCH A FALLING TSAR... THOMSON'S THOMSON BEST BUYS... THOMSON HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... MOROCCAN HOLIDAYS FROM £42... EGYPTIAN HOLIDAYS FROM £135... ALGERIAN HOLIDAYS FROM £89... TUNISIAN HOLIDAYS FROM £49

MEMORIAL SERVICES... WATSON, HERBERT ADOLPHUS... DEATHS... JAMESON, JOHN... MASTERS - On November 16th peacefully in hospital

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! WE'RE THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED... DON'T BURN YOUR BRIDGES!

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... FARE BARGAIN ETHIOPIA RETURN £155... KENYA RETURN £155 SOUTH AFRICA £180

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... WINTER WARMTH IN GREECE... TICKETS TO MOST DESTINATIONS

MEMORIAL SERVICES... J. H. KENYON LTD. FUNERAL DIRECTORS... DEATHS... ROBBERTS - On November 18th peacefully in hospital

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... WINTER WARMTH IN GREECE... FLY - IT COSTS LESS FOR MORE!

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... WINTER WARMTH IN GREECE... WINTER WARMTH IN GREECE

COURSES IN MASSAGE AND CHIROPRACTY... The famous Axelson method from Sweden

MEMORIAL SERVICES... MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS... DEATHS... CURRIE - On November 15th peacefully in hospital

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... TUNISIAN HOLIDAYS FROM £49... TAKE-A-BREAK

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... AIR TICKETS TO MOST DESTINATIONS... MALTA £48

FASHION AND BEAUTY... JANET REGER underwear and Hosiery... FULVERMATHE IMPROVED PAIN GALVANIC CHAIR

MEMORIAL SERVICES... DEATHS... MOUNTAIN - On November 15th peacefully in hospital

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... AUSTRALIA SYDNEY & MELBOURNE... SUPERTRAVEL

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS... MALTA £48... SOUTH AFRICA AUSTRALIA

FOR SALE AND WANTED... THE SOUTH AFRICA VISITORS CLUB

MEMORIAL SERVICES... DEATHS... ALLEN - On November 19th peacefully in hospital

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,848... 1 Drop on the carpet (6)... 5 Hands across the sea for Arabian pen-clubs...

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